THE ALL-NEW TENCHI MUYŌ!™

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The Masaki shrine is a crowded house, but we wouldn't have it any other way. Within its walls, space pirate Ryoko, intersteller cop Mihoshi, mad scientist Washu, alien princesses Ayeka and Sasami, and, of course, adorable rabbit-cat Ryo-Oh-Ki all share close quarters...and they all have at least a little bit of a crush on hapless teenage Tenchi.

The population of the shrine increases by one when, while visiting the gang's spacefaring friend Minagi, Ayaka acquires a brand-new pet. It's as cute as a scaly blue button, it loves chowing down on radishes, and it hates Ryoko. What could be more loveable? But could Ayeka's puppy love endanger the shrine ...and its resident tree spirit, Tsunami?

Then, in a bonus story, find out how Princess Sasami's bodyguard spends a day on the job. It isn't easy, since she's chosen to go undercover as an elementary-school student. ..and as a boy, at that! Sasami's a sweet kid, but from the moment she runs out the door to school–toast in her mouth in classic manga-heroine style–she attracts a whole lot of trouble!

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Chapter 1: Longing

AYEKA AND SASAMI HAVE MADE THEIR WAY TO MIHOSHI'S SPACESHIP, IN ORBIT NEAR SATURN, TO OBTAIN PERMISSION TO EXTEND THEIR STAY ON EARTH...
THIS IS WHERE I PLACE MY HAND, RIGHT?
YES!
THE SYSTEM WILL NOW VERIFY YOUR IDENTITY SASAMI.

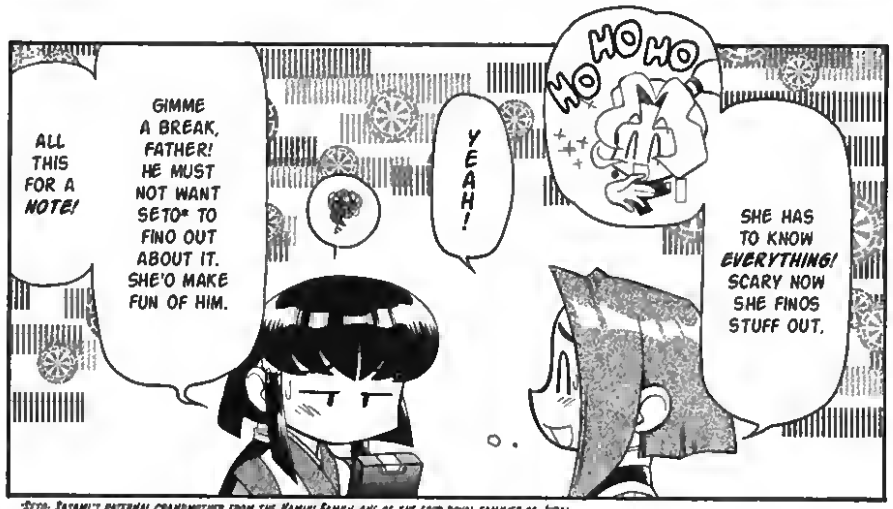
SO FATHER HAS...

IDENTIFICATION IS NOW FINALIZED. ENJOY YOUR STAY.
THANK YOU, AYEKA. THAT'S IT!

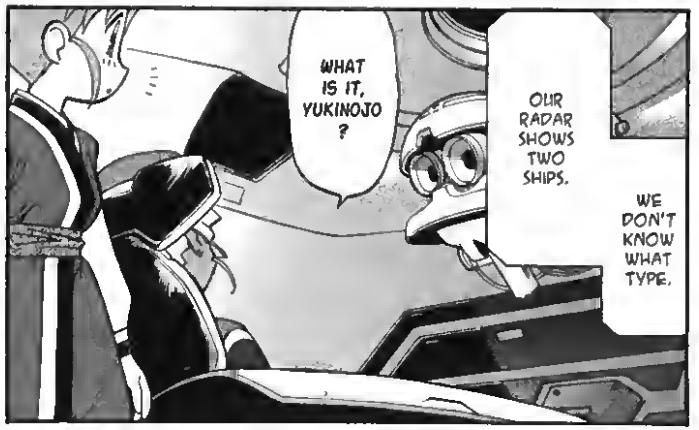
BUT ISN'T THIS JUST A SIMPLE HYPERSPACE JUMP?
MY APOLOGIES, BUT PROTOCOL IS MOST IMPORTANT IN THIS SITUATION.

YOU SEE I HAVE INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE EMPEROR OF JURAI TO GIVE THIS TO YOU PERSONALLY.

WHAT?
IS IT SOME SORT OF SECRET?
TEE HEE
NO...
...HE SAID IT WAS JUST A NOTE.


ALL THIS FOR A NOTE!
GIMME A BREAK, FATHER! HE MUST NOT WANT SETO* TO FIND OUT ABOUT IT. SHE'D MAKE FUN OF HIM.
YEAH!
HO HO HO
SHE HAS TO KNOW EVERYTHING! SCARY NOW SHE FINDS STUFF OUT.

*SETO- SAILOR MARS'S PATERNAL GRANDMOTHER FROM THE HAMIKI FAMILY, ONE OF THE FOUR ROYAL FAMILIES OF JURAI. HER INFORMATION-GATHERING SKILLS HAVE LENT HER THE NAME "DEMONIC PRINCESS OF JURAI."

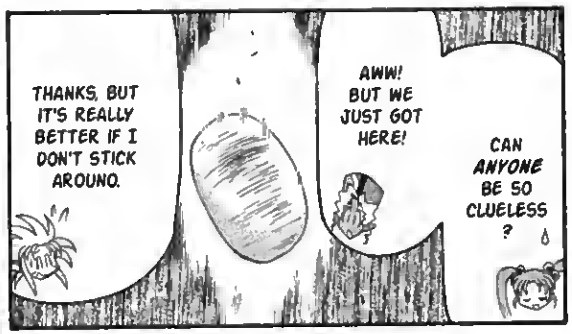


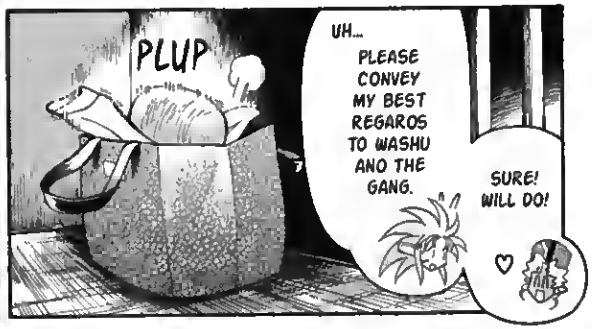
ARE THEY SHIPS FROM EARTH?
OH, NO.
WE CAN VIEW THEM NOW.
IS IT HER ?
YES. IT'S MINAGI'S* SHIP.
OH... ...MY GOSH.
IT'S EASY TO FORGET... BUT MINAGI IS, AFTER ALL, ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN PIRACY...
AND SHE LOVES HER WORK! ♡
AS A GALAXY POLICE OFFICER, SHOULD MIHOSHI BE OKAY WITH THAT?
VM
VM
VM
VM

*MINAGI- FORMERLY WASHU'S AIDE, MINAGI WAS CREATED BY YAMAGE USING RYOKO'S GENES.

WHAT A RELIEF THAT MIHOSHI JUST HAPPENED TO BE HERE!
LONG TIME NO SEE, SASAMI! ♡
WOW, THIS IS AWESOME! ♪
IT'S... A ZOO!
YES, WITH ANIMALS STOLEN FROM THE NATURAL RESERVE ON JURAI'S GORYOSEI.
THIS SHIP IS IN SUCH POOR CONDITION! THEY'D DIE IF WE LEFT THEM LIKE THIS. WHAT SHOULD WE DO?
IT'LL BE OKAY!
I'LL TAKE CUSTODY OF THEM--AND THE CULPRIT--ON MY SHIP.

AHH!
A CUP OF TEA WHILE WE WAIT FOR THE GALAXY POLICE TO GET HERE?


THANKS, BUT IT'S REALLY BETTER IF I DON'T STICK AROUND.
AWW! BUT WE JUST GOT HERE!
CAN ANYONE BE SO CLUELESS?


PLUP
UH... PLEASE CONVEY MY BEST REGARDS TO WASHU AND THE GANG.
SURE! WILL DO! ♡

TRULY FIRST-CLASS DETECTIVE WORK ON THIS ONE!
UH... IF YOU SAY SO...
BUT MINAGI CRACKED THE CASE!
YOUR GRANDFATHER WILL BE PLEASED, MIHOSHI!
KRANG
KRANG

QUITE AH ARRAY OF RARE ANIMALS, AND ALL OF THEM VIOLATE TREATIES.
OH, MY! THEY DO?
SK
TK
HE MUST MAKE GOOD MONEY.
HUH? THIS BAG...
OH MY GOSH! IT'S MINE. DION'T KHOW WHERE IT WENT.
HA! ISH'T THAT RICH? I'LL HAVE THE TRANS-PORT MECH TAKE IT FOR YOU.
KANG
KANG
KANG
THAT'S VERY HELPFUL OF YOU!
THANKS! IH THAT CASE, CAN YOU SEND IT TO THE STORAGE BOX IN MY SHUTTLE?
HEY, AYEKA. I WAHT TO HURRY UP AND GO HOME.
IT'S HARO FOR TENCHI TO DO ALL THE HOUSE-WORK ON HIS OWN.
OH, SASAMI! SUCH A WORRY-WART.
I'M SURE WASHU WILL HELP HIM.

HUH? BUT DION'T WASHU GET CALLED TO THE ACADEMY?
OH, SHE DID?
IN THAT CASE...
YOU DIDH'T KNOW THAT?
EEP!
NOOOOOOO!
WHAT'S WRONG, AYEKA? ARE YOU ALL RIGHT!?
AH CHOO!
DID YOU CATCH A COLD?
I DON'T EVER CATCH COLD. SO HERE WE ARE...
SNF
BUT WHY?
...THE TWO OF US!
AND WHEN THE CAT'S AWAY... ♡
THE CAT'S NOT AWAY!
C'MON, TENCHI! WE CAN CLEAN UP... LATER! ♡

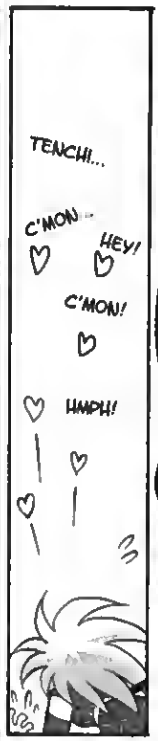
VWM
FASTER! FASTER! FASTERR!
GLAAAGH!
DANGER! DANGER! DON'T YOU KNOW HOW BAD IT IS TO LEAVE TENCHI ALONE WITH THAT HORNDOG!?
UNH
UN

STORAGE
SKT
SKT
SKT

AYEKA! MIHOSHI! LOOK WHAT I FOUND!

AAAH
WHAT DO YOU THINK THIS IS?
AAAH
AAAH

YEEEEEEEEEEEEEKKKKK-


TENCHI...
C'MON...
HEY!
C'MON!
HMPH!

SPLOOSH!

WELL, MIHOSHI MUST BE BACK.
IT'S NOT FAIR!
WE WERE SECONDS FROM A TEEN-MAG LOVE SCENE!

OWWW...
TIK
TIK

AAAAAGH!
PLP
PLP
PLP
PLP

KRIK
KREK

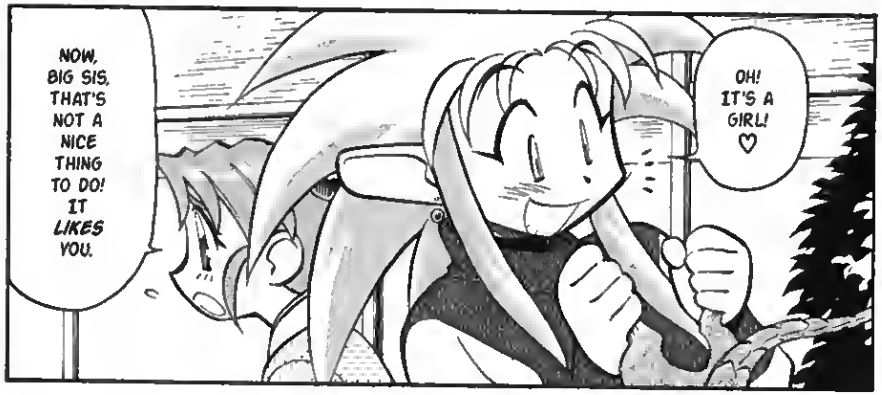
KOOH ?

WOW! IT'S SURE TAKEN TO YOU!

KAAH
WUP
PUP
KOOH
PAP
PIP
TSH
TSH

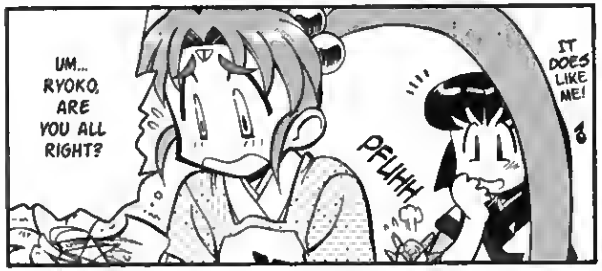
ZSH
ZSH

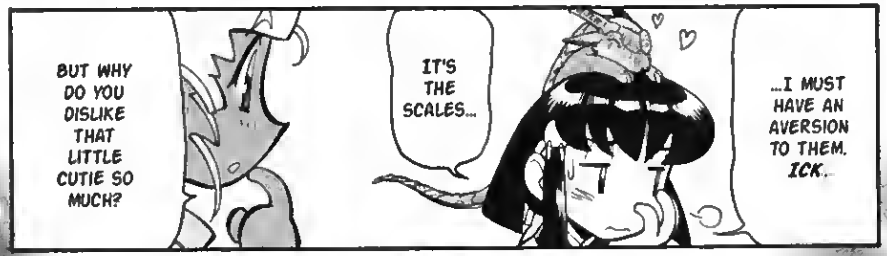
AAGH! GIMME A BREAK! I'M SICK OF THIS!


NOW, BIG SIS, THAT'S NOT A NICE THING TO DO! IT LIKES YOU.
OH! IT'S A GIRL! ♡

SKCH
SKTCH
TCH
SKTCH
SKTCH

NEWBORNS OFTEN DECIDE WHO'S MOM RIGHT AWAY.
LOOKS LIKE IT'S PICKED AYEKA!


UM... RYOKO, ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
PFUHH
IT DOES LIKE ME!


BUT WHY DO YOU DISLIKE THAT LITTLE CUTIE SO MUCH?
IT'S THE SCALES...
...I MUST HAVE AN AVERSION TO THEM. ICK.

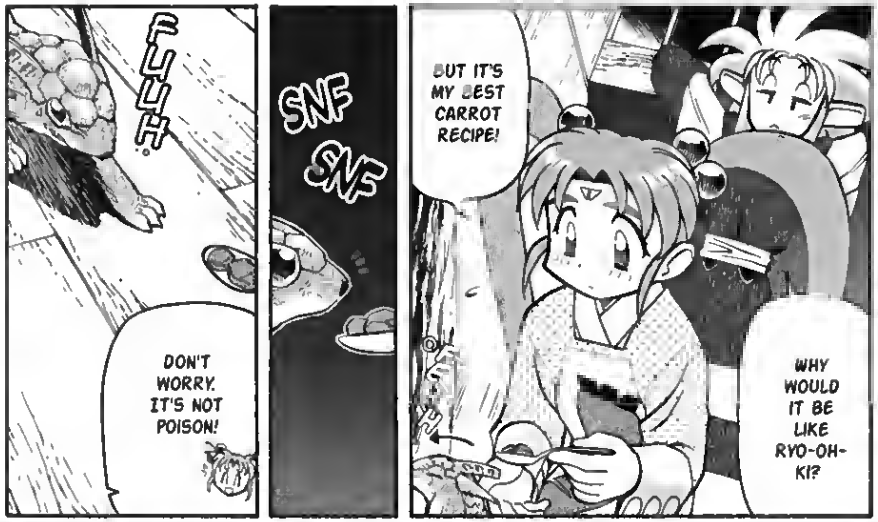
KOOH

AYEKA!

SISSH!
HEY!
DON'T YOU SCARE TENCHI AWAY!
HA HA HA! IT'S OKAY, AYEKA!

WE GOT WASHU ON THE TRANS-SPATIAL COMM!
SHE SAYS IT'S A RARE ANIMAL FROM THE PLANET MIITSU. IT'S NAMED AFTER THE PLANET.
I SEE. SO...
...YOU'RE WHAT'S CALLED A MIITSU, HUH?

SINCE NOT EVEN WASHU KNOWS WHAT MIITSUS EAT, AYEKA AND SASAMI TRY ALL SORTS OF THINGS...
HERE!
OPEN WIDE! ♡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DON'T WORRY. IT'S NOT POISON!
SNF SNF
BUT IT'S MY BEST CARROT RECIPE!
WHY WOULD IT BE LIKE RYO-OH-KI?

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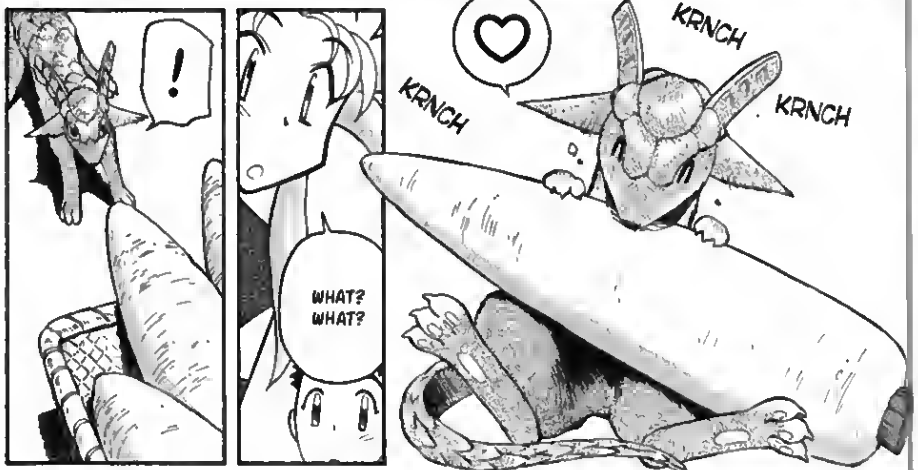
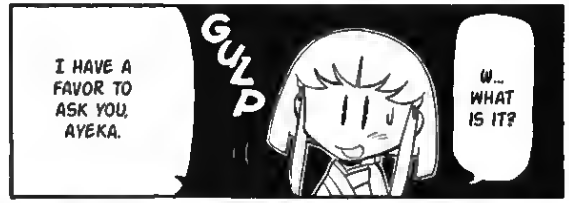
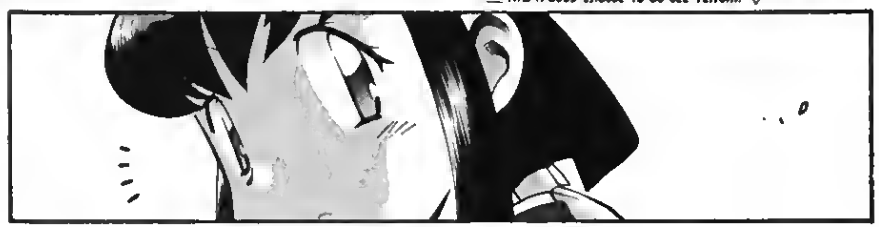
SNIF SNIF





I THINK TENCHI'S OUT IN THE FIELD RIGHT NOW. CAN YOU ASK HIM FOR MORE JAPANESE RADISHES?
I'D BE EVEN MORE EXCITED IF YOU DIDN'T FOLLOW ME OUT HERE...

▲ HAS A GOOD EXCUSE TO GO SEE TENCHI! ♡



SO MANY CARS!
WHAT'S GOING ON DOWN THERE?

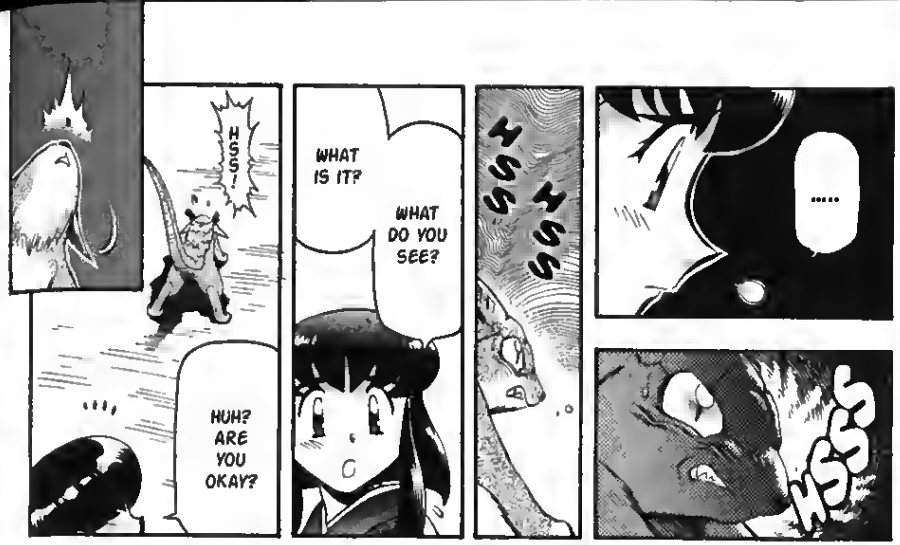
SLP SLP
YIKES!

CUT THAT OUT!
ROG?
ARE ALL OF YOU READY?

THEY SAY THE BEAR THAT FLED THIS WAY IS TWO METERS TALL.
FOR A HIMALAYAN BLACK BEAR, THAT'S *BIG*.
IT'S VERY LIKELY THAT ITS NERVES ARE ON EDGE, SO LET'S BE CAREFUL.

OKAY!
POSITIONS, PLEASE! READY?

YES, SIR!


HSSS
WHAT IS IT?
WHAT DO YOU SEE?
HSSS
.....
HUH? ARE YOU OKAY?
HSSS

OH!
JUST PLAY NICE, OKAY?

RMB
RMB

!
GRR
HEY... NO, LOOK OUT!
HSS
STAY BACK! DON'T...
SGRASH

RMPAWMP
HSSSS
FWAM
GRRR
NO! STOP IT!
DON'T DO THAT!
GRAH!
GRAHN

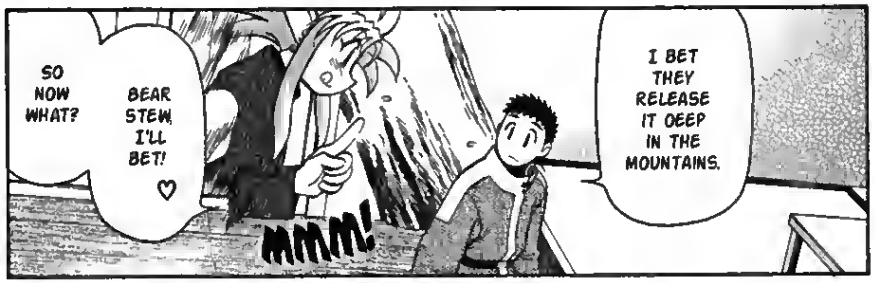
YOU... YOU TRIED...
...TRIED TO PROTECT ME.
EVEN THOUGH I WAS SO...
...UNKIND TO YOU...

WHAT A FOOL I WAS...

OH...
HI, THERE TENCHI. YOU'RE HOME!
SASAMI DO YOU KNOW WHERE AYEKA IS?

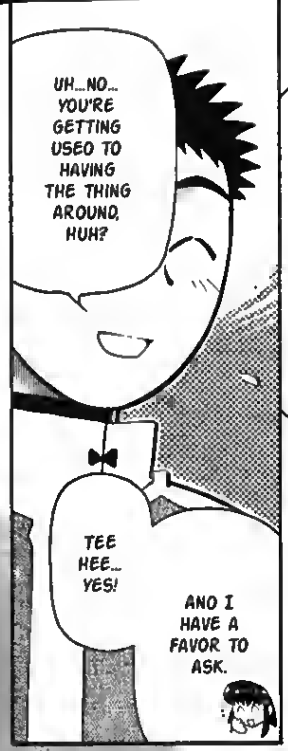
THERE WAS A BEAR SIGHTING EARLIER TODAY...
OH, MY! WELL, WHEN I CAME HOME...
...EVERYTHING WAS THE SAME AS ALWAYS.

SO TELL ME... THIS BEAR...
IT WAS KNOCKED OUT COLD AND TIED TO A TREE!


SO NOW WHAT?
BEAR STEW, I'LL BET! ♡
MMM!
I BET THEY RELEASE IT DEEP IN THE MOUNTAINS.

SO THAT VOICE DOWN HERE IS TENCHI!
AH... YOU'RE SAFE, AYEKA!
HUH?

?
IS SOME-THING ON MY FACE...?


UH...NO... YOU'RE GETTING USED TO HAVING THE THING AROUND, HUH?
TEE HEE... YES!
AND I HAVE A FAVOR TO ASK.

WOULD IT BE OKAY IF IT LIVED WITH US?
I'LL TAKE VERY GOOD CARE OF IT...

HUH?

COME IN!
PLEASE RESPOND! COME IN!
IS ANYONE THERE?

RESP
ZZT
ZASH
ZOT
ZOT

AH!
SHUT UP!
IDIOT! WHY'D YOU DO THAT, HUH?

THE GALAXY POLICE WILL BE EVEN MORE VIGILANT NOW! TRY TO SHOW SOME CONTROL!

HEY! DON'T COME NEAR ME...
ZASH!
UNH!

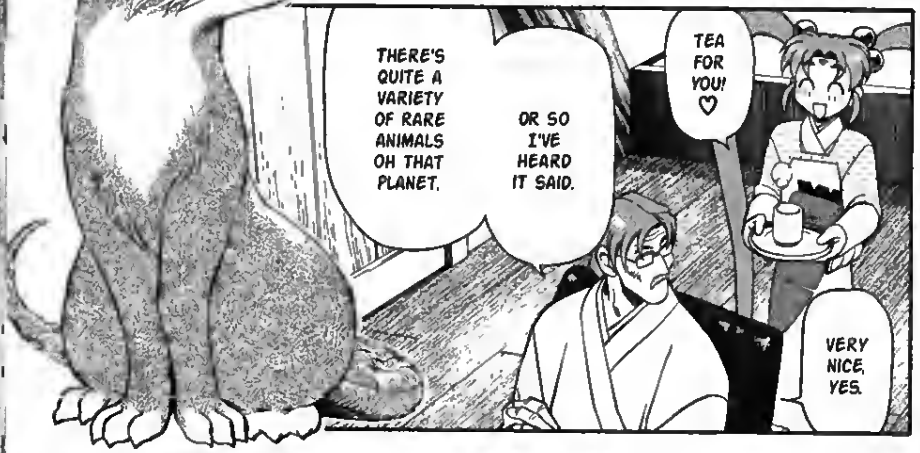
BIP
BEEP
SHIP'S MEMORY HAS NO RECORD OF THE COCOON! SO...

...DOES THAT MEAN THAT THE MIITSU COCOON WASN'T STOLEN IN THE FIRST PLACE?
I'LL MAKE HIM TELL US WHERE HE STASHED IT!
HOLD IT.
HE WAS ON HIS WAY TO THE RENDEZVOUS POINT.

HE'D NEVER HAVE SHOWN UP EMPTY-HANDED.
.....
IT WOULD BE HIS DEATH.
BEEP
...!
AH! I SEE...
D
...THE COCOON MAY BE IN THE HANDS OF OTHERS!

Chapter 2: Suspicion

FROM PLAHET MIITSU, IS IT?
GRAHOFATHER KNEW ABOUT THEM, TOO!


THERE'S QUITE A VARIETY OF RARE ANIMALS OH THAT PLANET.
OR SO I'VE HEARD IT SAID.
TEA FOR YOU! ♡
VERY NICE, YES.

SO WHAT WILL YOU DO WITH IT HOW?
YOU CAN'T JUST COHTINUE TO KEEP IT.
NO, BUT I...
...I'D LIKE TO LOOK AFTER IT FOR THE TWO MONTHS UHTIL THE GALAXY POLICE COME FOR IT.

WE'LL GIVE IT LOTS OF LOVE! AND AHD...
...WE HAVE TO GIVE IT A NAME!
LET ME SEE.
WHAT KIHD OF NAME?
HOW ABOUT "MITSU"? WILL THAT DO?
KOOH

NO? DON'T YOU LIKE IT?

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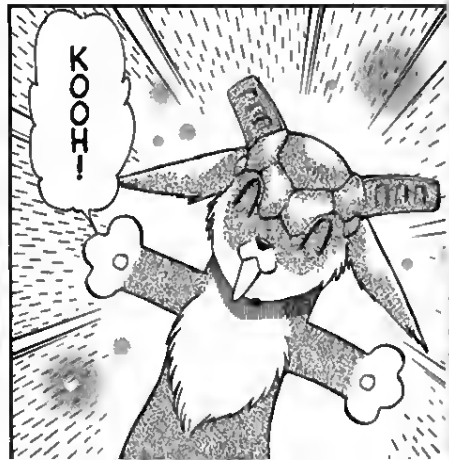
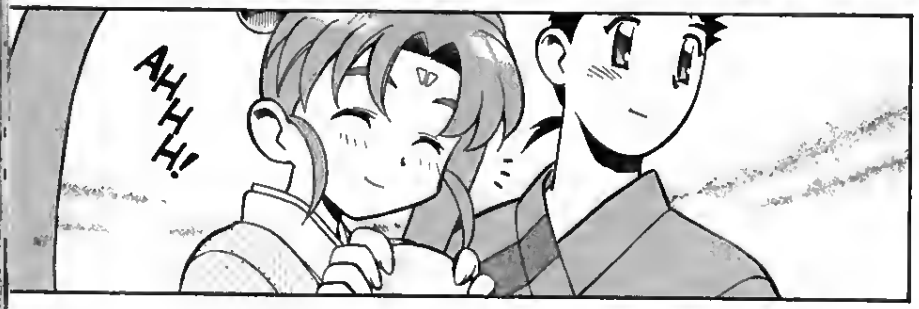
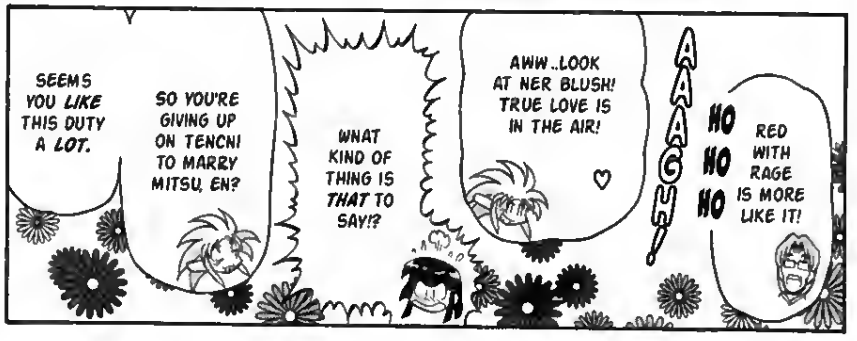

KOOH!

PHEW...
GLAD YOU LIKE IT!
BUT IT'S NOT THAT I WANT TO DO IT!
I HAVE NO CHOICE! YOU ALL KNOW THAT, RIGHT?
SURE.
IT'S MY DUTY AS A MEMBER OF THE ROYAL FAMILY OF JURAI, TO GUARD THIS SMALL, RARE ANIMAL!
HO HO HO
YES YES


AHHH!


SEEMS YOU LIKE THIS DUTY A LOT.
SO YOU'RE GIVING UP ON TENCHI TO MARRY MITSU, EH?
WHAT KIND OF THING IS THAT TO SAY!?
AWW..LOOK AT HER BLUSH! TRUE LOVE IS IN THE AIR!
♡
AAAGH!
HO HO HO
RED WITH RAGE IS MORE LIKE IT!

WHERE ARE YOU GOING, AYEKA?
JUST OUT TO HELP TENCHI IN THE FIELDS. ♡
I'LL BE BACK SOON

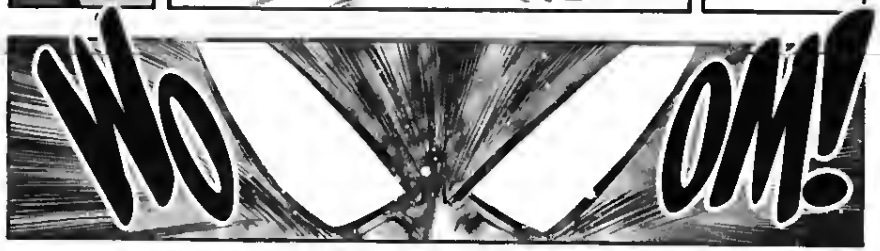
WE'RE GOING TO HAVE A NEFTY RADISH BILL THIS MONTH!
KOOH! ♡
YOU SURE ARE A LOT OF WORK!
TEE
HEE

WHAT?
NOTHING!
HAVE A NICE TRIP!

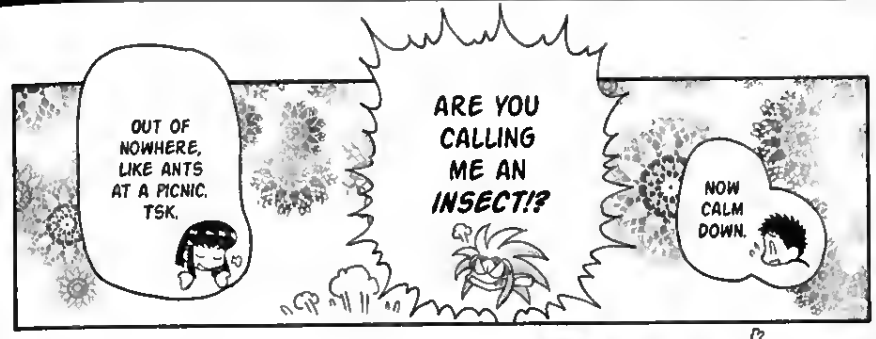
?
NOW WHAT?

TRRK TRKK
PHEW!
LET'S TAKE A BREAK FOR A BIT, AYEKA.
OKAY. ♡
PISH PISH
I'M SO GLAD.
HUH?
FIP FIP FIP
!!
YIKES!
KATHUD
IT'S JUST A RELIEF, THAT'S ALL. I'D'VE FELT REALLY BAD FOR THE MIITSU IF YOU HADN'T WARMED UP TO HER. THAT'S ALL...
.....
?
YOU HAVE A VERY KIND HEART, DON'T YOU?
POOM
POOM
POOM
TENCHI...

JING...
!
SLA
ASH
YM
YM
YM!


WOOM!

OKAY LET ME GUESS..
GET AWAY FROM TENCHI! NOW!
AH!
YUP HERE WE GO AGAIN


OUT OF NOWHERE, LIKE ANTS AT A PICNIC. TSK.
ARE YOU CALLING ME AN INSECT!?
NOW CALM DOWN.

HERE YOU GO...
E-BOOK

AS THE DAYS PASS...
...AND MITSU JOINS THE FAMILY...

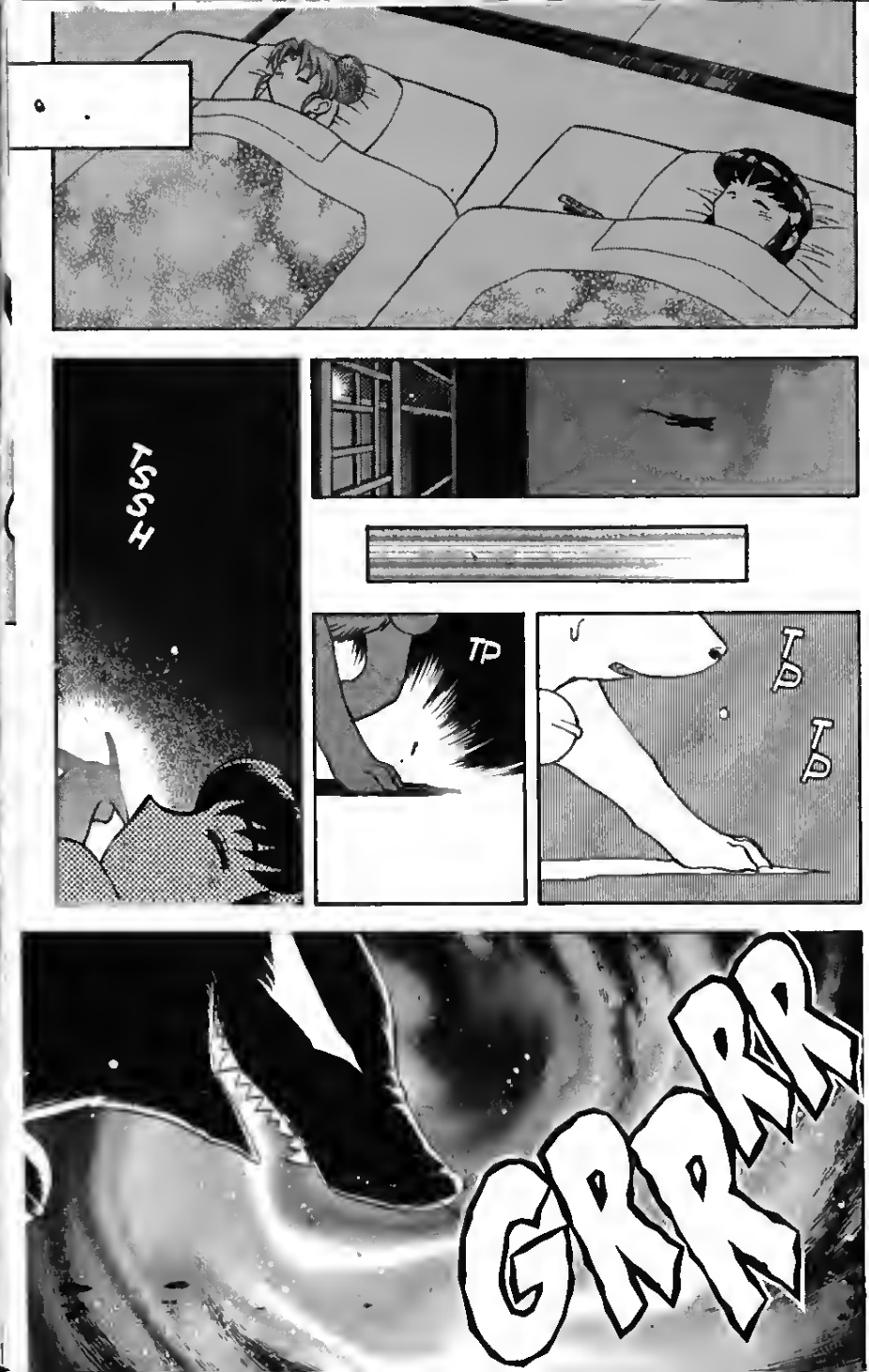
...THE RARE BEAST SLOWLY COMES TO BE AT EASE WITH PEOPLE OTHER THAN AYEKA.

AND THEN...
MYOW
OOON
I'VE MADE IT BACK!
WE'RE HOME!
COME ON IN!
RYO-OH-KI!
MYOW!
WASHU RETURNS FROM HER TRIP TO THE MILKY WAY ACADEMY..
A LITTLE SOUVENIR TO SHARE, MIHOSHI!
SWEET BUNS
WOW! ♡ I LOVE THESE! HOW DID YOU KNOW?
ANO... THAT'S THE MIITSU, I TAKE IT?
UH, YES.
I SEE!
THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE MET ONE IN PERSON.
OH, HOW CUTE! ♡

!
SHWIP!
OH! WHAT IS IT?
AH, UM...
...IT'S MUCH CUTER THAN IN THE BOOKS. ♡

IT IS, ISN'T IT? ♡

....
HMM...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ZING

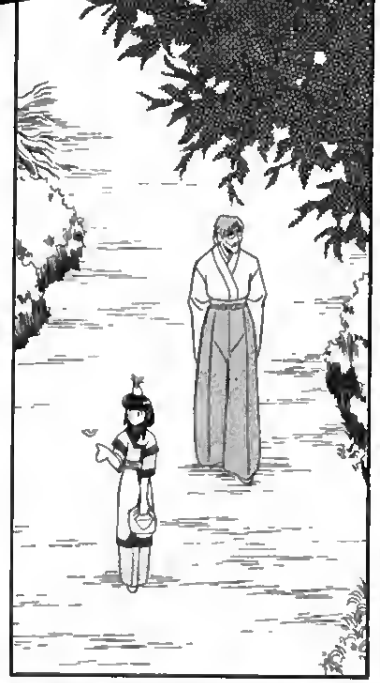
HSSS
HSSS
SPRNNNG
GRRAIG
URNNG
ZRRRNG
W
OO
SK
ASH
WMSH
TMSH
KRESH
HMM...
TMP
THAT THING JUST NOW... IT WAS...

WHAT ARE YOU DOING UP THIS EARLY?
GOOD MORNING, AYEKA.
JUST WHO I CAME TO SEE!

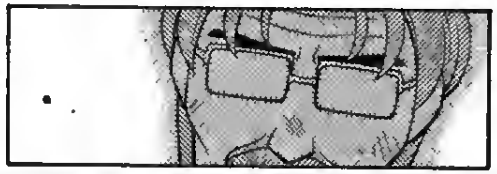
SASAMI SAID OUR BIG BROTHER WASN'T EATING RIGHT...
...SO SHE SENT ME WITH THIS!

HOW VERY KIND OF HER.
UH... TELL ME, AYEKA, DO YOU HAVE A MOMENT?

HM?



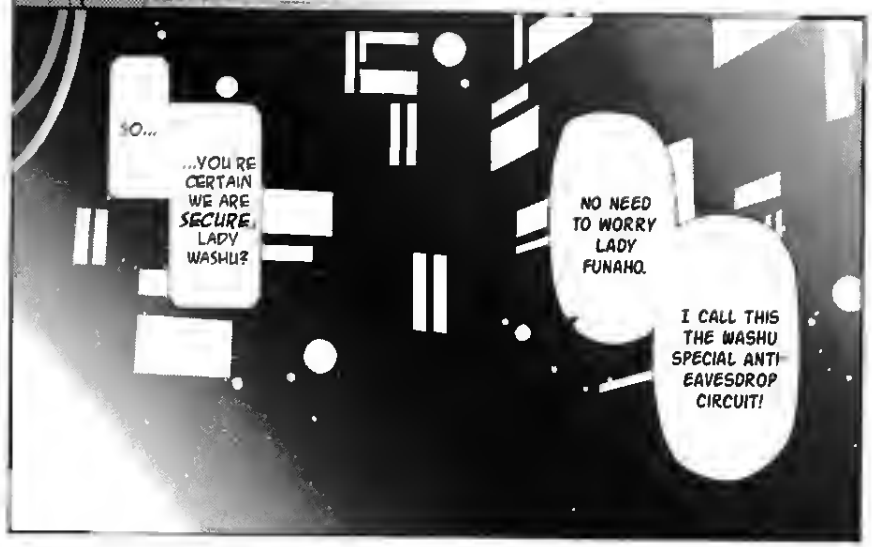
SHAAA
MMM! WHAT A NICE BREEZE.



SINCE WE CAME ALL THIS WAY...
...WHY NOT STOP AND EAT HERE

ZEEN
MIZUHO ...?
JING JING
ZEEN
ZEEEEEEEEEEEEN

W-WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH MIZUHO?
WHAT'S SCARING HER?
AS I HAD EXPECTED...


SO...
...YOU'RE CERTAIN WE ARE SECURE, LADY WASHU?
NO NEED TO WORRY LADY FUNAHO.
I CALL THIS THE WASHU SPECIAL ANTI EAVESDROP CIRCUIT!

BUT OF COURSE, MY APOLOGIES.
YOU ARE THE FOREMOST SCIENTIFIC GENIUS IN THE GALAXY...
PLEASE! THINK NOTHING OF IT.

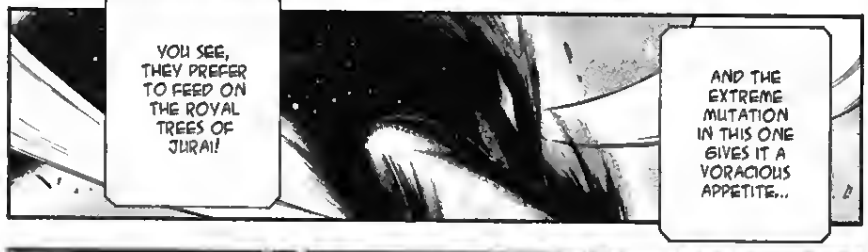
THIS IS OF SOME IMPORTANCE, I TAKE IT?
OUR FEARS ABOUT THE MIITSU?

....
FMP

SO TELL US...
...WHAT IS THE SECRET OF THIS MIITSU MOTHER?

NORMAL MIITSUS POSE NO GREAT PROBLEM. THEY'RE SMALL IN NUMBER. BUT THIS ONE...
...MITSU-- THAT WAS ITS NAME, WASN'T IT? IT'S A DIFFERENT STORY.

THIS IS, OF COURSE, TOP SECRET...
...BUT YOUR MITSU WAS BORN WITH A MUTATION THAT OCCURS IN ONLY ONE IN 100 MILLION.
THE NORMAL LIFE EXPECTANCY OF MIITSUS IS VERY SHORT...
...AND SO THE RISK THEY POSE IS MINIMAL.


YOU SEE, THEY PREFER TO FEED ON THE ROYAL TREES OF JURAI!
AND THE EXTREME MUTATION IN THIS ONE GIVES IT A VORACIOUS APPETITE...

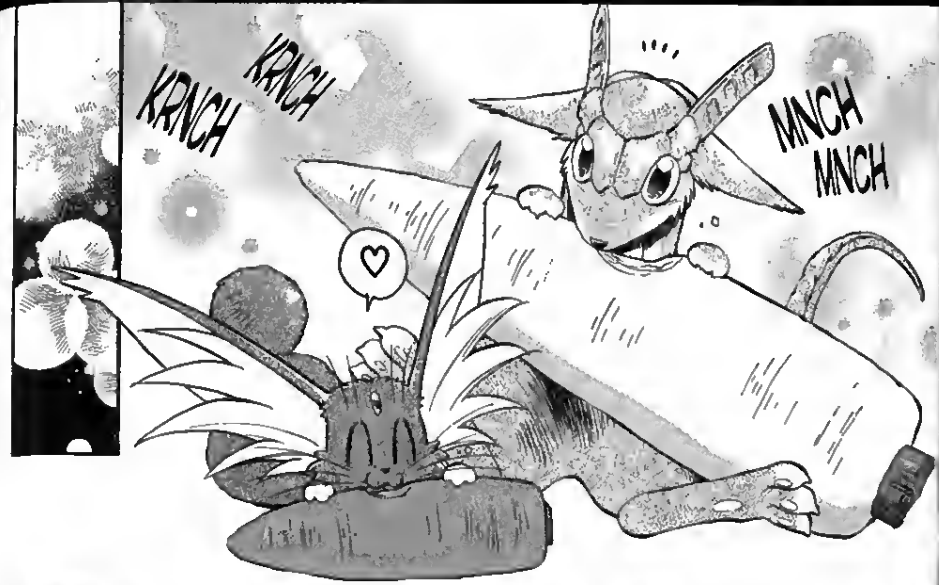
...AS WELL AS A VERY LONG LIFE! FOR THE JURAI ROYAL FAMILY...
...MITSU IS OUR GREAT NATURAL ENEMY!

I'D LIKE TO LAY THIS MATTER TO REST... AND AS QUIETLY AS WE CAN
IT'S NOT SO SIMPLE, IS IT? WE CAN'T JUST HAVE JURAI SHIPS COME FOR IT, CAN WE?

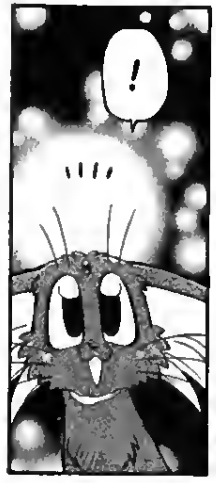
THAT WOULD BE LIKE A MIITSU SMORGAS-BORO...
THAT'S TRUE, ISN'T IT?
HEH...

...!
.....
.....

WELL, WELL...
...WHAT TO DO ?


KRNCH
KRNCH
MNCH MNCH

!?
KST!

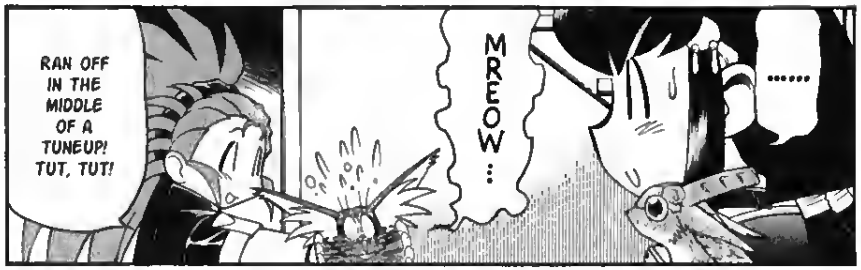

!

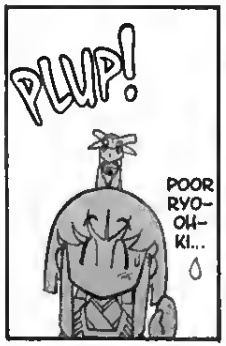
MEOW!
KOOH!

MITSU!
LET'S GO FOR A WALK !

KOOH!
WERE YOU PLAYING WITH RYO-OH-KI? SORRY.
DO YOU WANT TO COME, TOO?
MROW!

RYO-OH-KI! OH...
THERE YOU ARE.
SLAM


RAN OFF IN THE MIDDLE OF A TUNEUP! TUT, TUT!
MREOW...
.....


PLUP!
POOR RYO-OH-KI...

THWAK
AND WHEN I'M DONE...
...MITSU CAN BE NEXT IN LINE!
OH!
MITSU, WE'RE LEAVING RIGHT NOW!
FWSSH

GOT 'IM!

EWANSH!
YOU DON'T NEED TO KNOW!
RMB
RMB
THAT'S NOT YOUR ANIMAL!
GIVE IT BACK TO US
HEH HEH HEH
WHO...
HSST
WHO ARE YOU?

AH! I SEE!
YOU MUST BE THE GUYS WHO STOLE HER FROM PLANET MIITSU, RIGHT?
WHAT !?

GUESS YOU'RE NOT GOING TO LIVE A VERY LONG LIFE.
KOK
KOAK
LET ME HAVE THIS ONE.
DARN

SHE'S IN THE WAY, SO...
CAN I TAKE CARE OF HER? HUH, BOSS?
DO IT!
HSSS

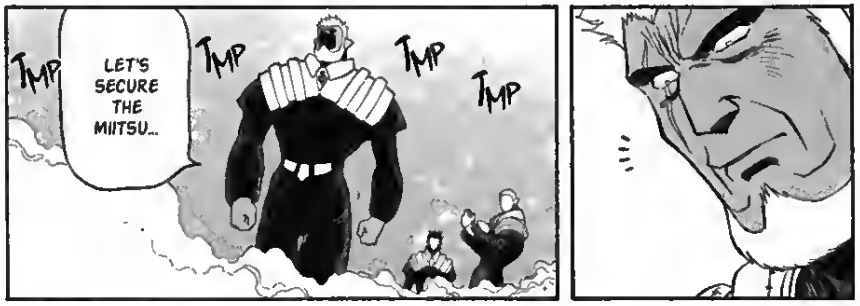
HSSooo
NOW MITSU! I'M RIGHT HERE!
DON'T WORRY. I'LL GUARD YO...

THAT BEAST IS NO SHIELD FROM ME!
YOU WON'T LEAVE THIS PLACE ALIVE!

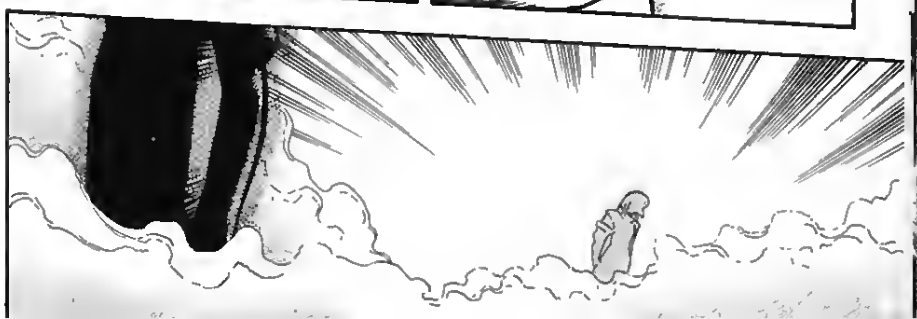
AH
DIE!

WSH
WSH
BINGO!
RMB
RMB
RMB
RMB

HEY, HEY! YOU DIDN'T DO IN THE MIITSU, TOO, DID YOU?
HA!
I'M NOT LIKE YOU.
I'VE GOT FOCUS. MY RAYS CAN PINPOINT A FLY AT TEN KILOMETERS.


LET'S SECURE THE MIITSU...
TMP
TMP
TMP
TMP

!?
WAM
WAM
WAM

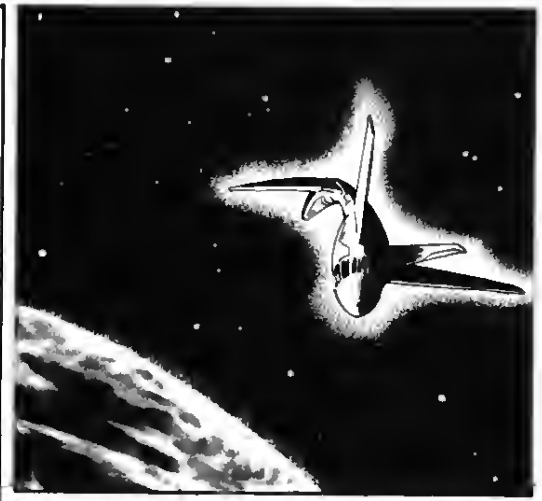


RMB
RMB
RMB
RMB
NO... DON'T TELL ME...
GAH GAH GAH
...YOU'RE FROM... JURAI !?

TELL ME WHAT'S GOING ON ...NOW!
WHY ARE YOU AFTER THIS MIITSU ?

ZWM
G...
ZAM
GAAH!
ZU UH
!?

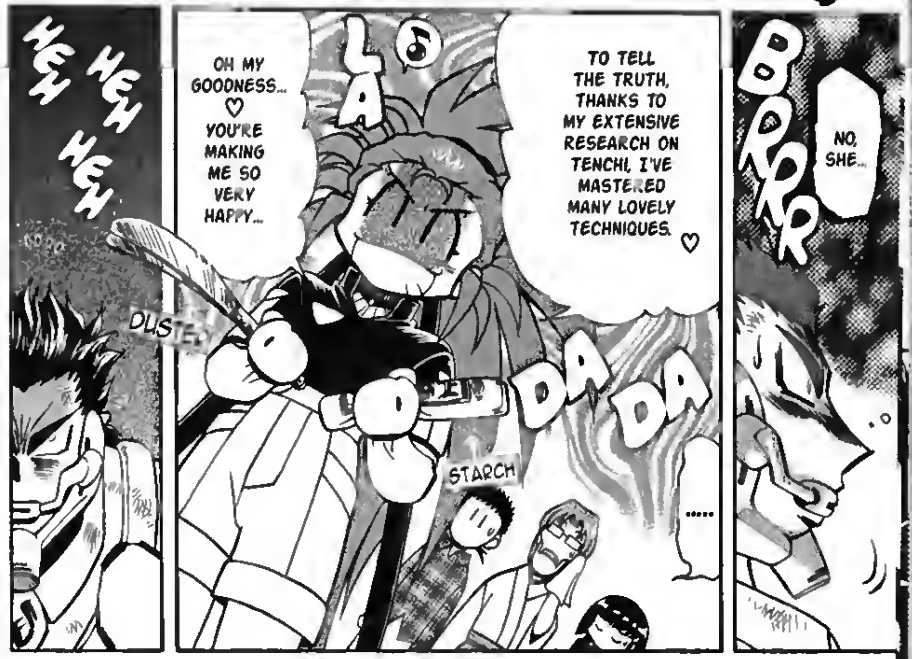
KOOH!
WHAT DID I DO ?
I LET ONE OF THEM GET AWAY!



SSSH
ONE OF THE JURAI ROYAL FAMILY, ON THIS BACKWATER PLANET!
HFF
HFF
I'LL NEED A NEW PLAN FOR THIS !

SHA
OOO

YOU'LL NEVER GET IT OUT OF ME!
I HAVE BEEN TRAINED TO WITHSTAND EVERY KIND OF TORTURE!
IT'S BEST TO KILL ME NOW.


HEH HEH HEH
OH MY GOODNESS... ♡ YOU'RE MAKING ME SO VERY HAPPY...
LA
DA DA
TO TELL THE TRUTH, THANKS TO MY EXTENSIVE RESEARCH ON TENCHI, I'VE MASTERED MANY LOVELY TECHNIQUES. ♡
DUSTY
STARCH
.....
BRRR
NO, SHE...

AH
AH
AH
AGH
AGGH
FST TSH SHSH SHSH
FST TSH SHSH SHSH

Chapter 3: Sacrifice

AIRAI...THE PLANET-NATION HOME TO THE MAIN TEMPLE OF THE MILKY WAY'S LARGEST RELIGIOUS SECT.
DESPITE THE RIGHT TO RELIGIOUS FREEDOM, AIRAISM DOES NOT EXIST ON JURAI.
BUT WHY?
THE AIRAISTS, WITH THEIR TOOLS, NEVER CAUGHT ON...
JURAI HAS THE ROYAL TREE, AN OBJECT OF REVERENCE IN ITS OWN RIGHT.
...WHICH MAY BE WHY THE PEOPLE OF AIRAI LOOK ON US AS INFIDELS.
THOSE WHO TOOK THE MITSU COCOON ARE CALLED EXTREMIST FUNDAMENTALISTS, EVEN AMONG THEIR OWN PEOPLE.
THEY'RE DEVOTED TO WIPING OUT JURAI.
SOMEHOW THEY ZEROED IN ON THE RARE OCCURRENCE OF A MITSU MUTATION AND THE FACT THAT IT EATS THE ROYAL TREES.
SO...
...MITSU IS THE NATURAL ENEMY OF THE ROYAL TREE!

SHAAA
THIS LITTLE THING...
...IT CAN EAT OUR WAY OF LIFE... FOR GOOD!
THAT CAN'T BE...
IT SIMPLY CAN'T BE...
.....
I FEEL FOR YOU, BUT...
...YOU HAVE TO RESIGN YOURSELF TO THE TRUTH.
MITSU ONLY LIKES TO EAT JAPANESE RADISHES!
BUT IT CAN'T BE TRUE!
SHE'S SWEET AND KIND AND GENTLE!
AND...
...SHE...
...SHE CAME TO MY AID...

FOR THE PRESENT, IT WAS DECIDED THAT THEY WOULD KEEP AN EYE ON THE SITUATION.

YAWN!

CHP
CHP
CHP
.....

CHP
CHP
CHP

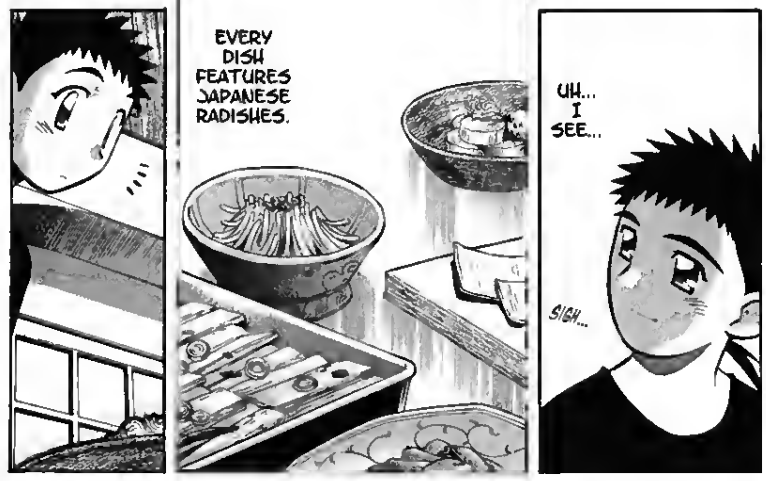
SASAMI! IS THIS HOW I USE THE "HIDDEN KNIFE" TECHNIQUE !?
NO NO! DON'T HIDE THEM IN THE CUPBOARD!
TINY CUTS LIKE THIS!
AIEEE!
SKRASH
AYEKA, THAT'S THE SIXTH ONE! GIMME A BREAK...

BUT IT CAN'T BE TRUE!

SHE'S TAKING IT VERY HARD.
POOR AYEKA...

OH, UH... HI!

GOOD MORNING! ♡
I'LL BE DONE IN JUST A SEC.
MY LITTLE FEAST WAS A LOT MORE WORK THAN I THOUGHT! ♡


EVERY DISH FEATURES JAPANESE RADISHES.
UH... I SEE...
SIGH...

COME ON, MITSU. ♡
OPEN WIDE FOR ME!
KAAAH

DOES IT TASTE GOOD?
MRNCH
ZLRRP
KOOH! ♡
I'M SO GLAD. ♡ YOU JUST EAT AS MUCH AS YOU LIKE, MITSU!
SHE'S GONE MOM ON US.

JAPANESE RADISHES...
SHE CAN'T HAVE ANYTHING ELSE!

BUT SOON...

MITSU!
MITSU! WHERE HAVE YOU GONE?
BIG SIS! LOOK OVER THERE!
WHAT A SPOT FOR A NAP!
!?

UN
AH
WHAT'S WRONG, LITTLE MITSU?
A NICE SNACK FOR HER IS FIVE OR SIX...
KUUH...
SLP SLP
MITSU...
DESPITE AYEKA'S THOUGHTS AND EFFORTS...
...MITSU'S APPETITE SEEMED TO LESSEN BY THE DAY.
AND THEN...
SKRRK

EEEEEE
HFF
HFF
HFF
AHHH!
SLASH
!?

!!

MITSU...
WE CAN'T FORCE HER TO GO AGAINST HER NATURE.

MAKING AYEKA SAD...IT'S WRONG!
I NEVER MEANT TO MAKE AYEKA SAD...
THIS IS WRONG!

MITSU!
YOU... YOU CAN TALK?

KOO...

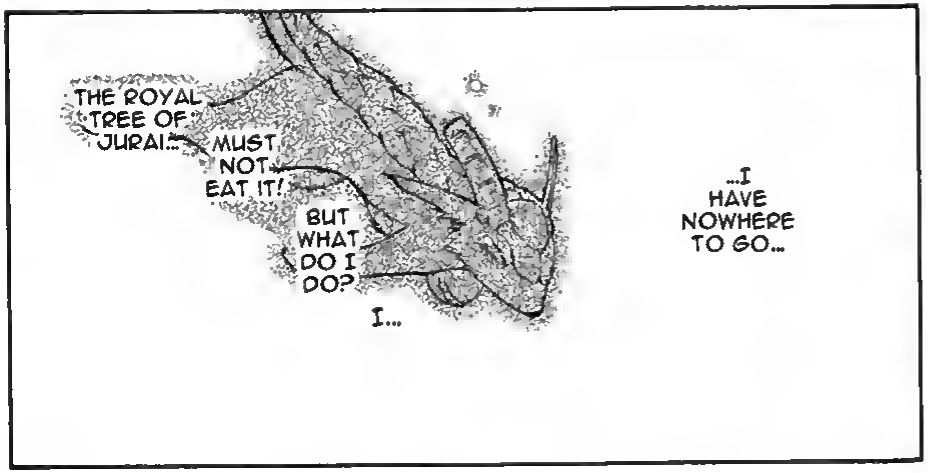
!
VEESH

WHAT!?
THE DATA SAID THIS MIGHT BE THE CASE.

WASHU! THIS DEVICE! WHAT IS IT!?

LUCKILY, A GENIUS TAKES EVERY PRECAUTION! YOU NEVER KNOW WHAT A SUDDEN MUTATION WILL DO!
TURNS OUT MITSU IS A TELEPATH WHO CAN TELEPORT. I'M GLAD I ATTACHED A TRANSMITTER...
NOW, LET ME SEE.

HUH?
THE STRATO-SPHERE !?


THE ROYAL TREE OF JURAI...
MUST NOT EAT IT!
BUT WHAT DO I DO?
I...
...I HAVE NOWHERE TO GO...

SWISH

HEH! GOT YOU AT LAST!
AND YOU WON'T ESCAPE THIS ANTI-TELEPORT NET!

WAHA HAHAHAHA
I WASN'T SURE HOW TO LURE THE MIITSU OUT
AND HERE IT FLIES RIGHT INTO MY NET!

HUH!?
THE SIGNAL HAS GONE COLD!
BUT WHY !?
MITSU...

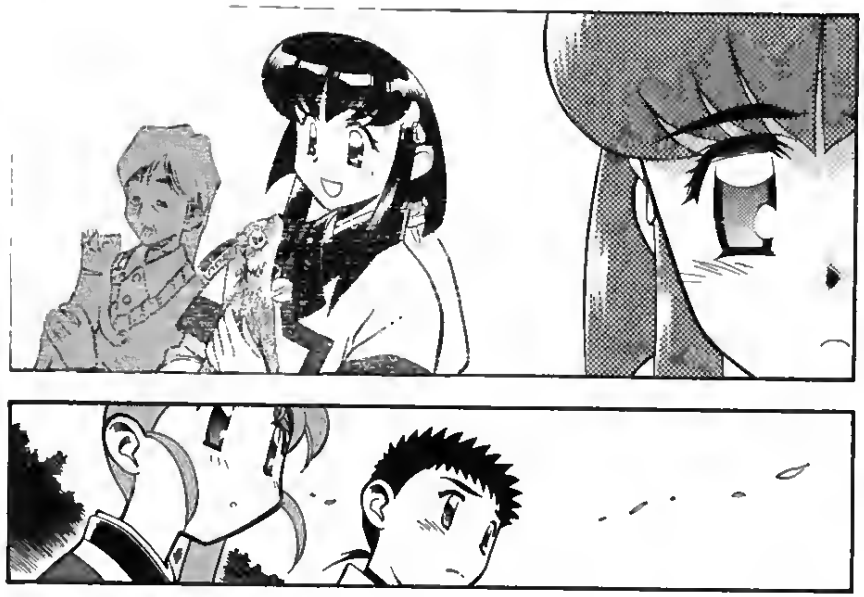
ONE MONTH LATER TIME HAS PASSED WITHOUT MITSU'S RETURN...

TKSH
TKSH
TKSH

UM. SO... YOU...
YES?
WH... WHAT IS IT?

WE DON'T NEED TO CLEAR THE LAND THAT FAR...
OH, NO! DID I...?

AYEKA, LET ME TAKE CARE OF THE RAOISH PLOT.
THERE'S NO NEED TO OVERDO IT.
THANK YOU, TENCHI...
...BUT BEING OUT HERE HELPS KEEP MY MIND OFF THINGS.
TING TING
NOW!
DON'T BE SO FRISKY. COME ON! ♡
MEOW.
TING TING



MITSU...

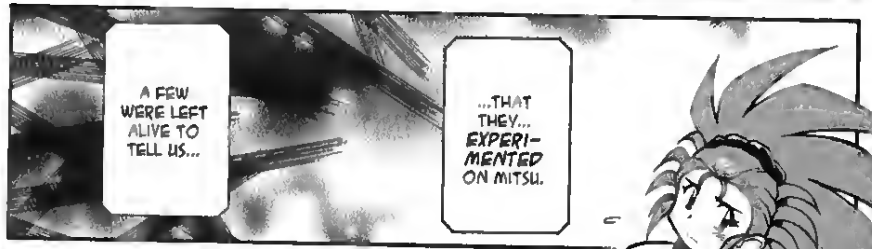
WE HAVE FOUND THE TRAITOR IN OUR MIDST. THOUGH I HATE TO SAY IT.
A MEMBER OF THE AMAKI HOUSE OF THE ROYAL FAMILY LEAKED INFORMATION ABOUT MITSU TO THE AIRAI FUNDAMENTALISTS. SUCH A DISGRACE

THE SPY HAS BEEN DULY DEALT WITH
WE HAVE MET WITH THE AIRAI RELIGIOUS LEADERS AND, IN EXCHANGE FOR KEEPING THE MATTER QUIET, THEY HAVE AGREED NOT TO LAY HANDS ON THE MIITSU.
VERY WISE, LADY FUNAHO. YOU LEAVE NOTHING TO CHANCE.

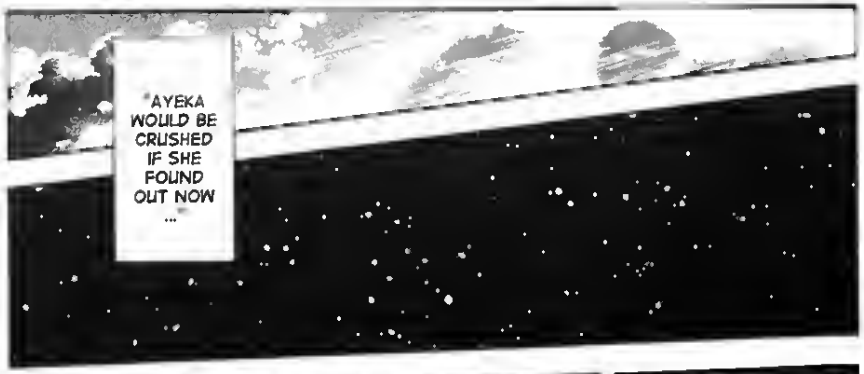
BUT WE STILL DON'T KNOW WHERE MITSU'S GONE.
I WONDER IF WE CAN LURE IT BACK USING JAPANESE RADISHES.
A LITTLE LATE FOR THAT

WE HAVE MORE BAD NEWS.
THIRTEEN HOURS AGO, A NUMBER OF BODIES WERE FOUND AT THE EXTREMISTS' RESEARCH FACILITY.
THEY APPEAR TO HAVE BEEN... BITTEN TO DEATH.

!
DON'T TELL ME THAT...
YES. WE THINK IT WAS.


A FEW WERE LEFT ALIVE TO TELL US...
...THAT THEY... EXPERI-MENTED ON MITSU.

I...I SEE..
LADY WASHU, THIS MUST BE KEPT SECRET FROM AYEKA!
YES, I SEE.
WHAT ELSE CAN WE DO?


"AYEKA WOULD BE CRUSHED IF SHE FOUND OUT NOW ..."

SHAAA

WOOSH

ZEEEN
SLASH
GARO

MY MITSU... YOU SURE HAVE GROWN

PLAN TO COME NOME SOON?
AYEKA HAS BEEN MISSING YOU.

FSH

GRRR
HEY, HEY! NO NEED TO GROWL.
I'LL GO SEE AYEKA WITH YOU.
OKAY ?

C'MON, CALM DOWN.

RRIPS

GR
RR

NOW, NOW.
FWISH
DON'T YOU KNOW WHO YOU ARE?

GROWR

SKASHT

YOU EVEN SCRATCH ME, AND I'LL TAKE THAT HEAD RIGHT OFF.
ZISH
ZIP
ZIP
ZWISH

ZZOLT
ZAM
WAM

SKRAKT
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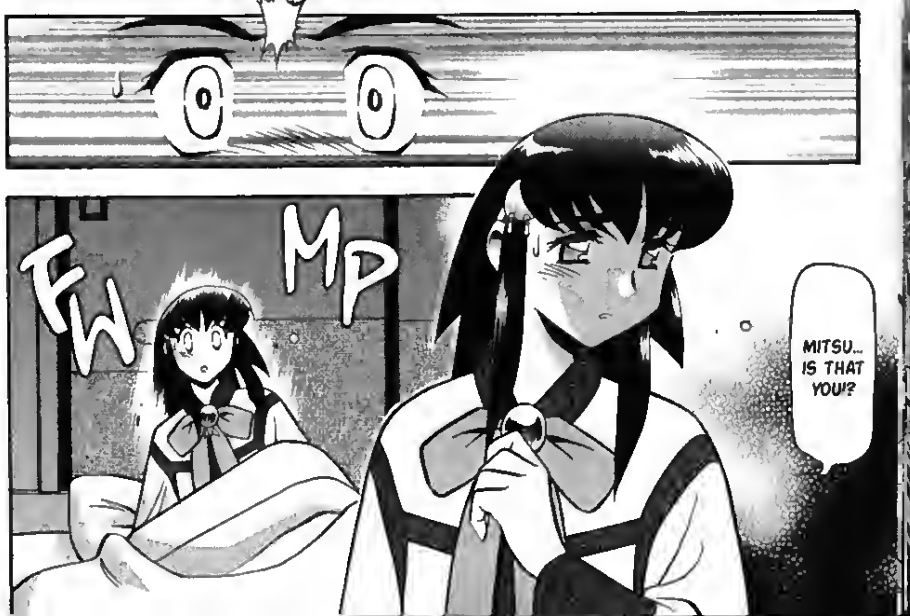

O O
FW
MP
MITSU... IS THAT YOU!?

VN VN VN VN VN
GRRRRR
NOT SO FAST!
DIDN'T COUNT ON THE LIGHT HAWK WING, EH ?
GRR R
NOW BE GOOD.
TENCHI'S SWORD IS MORE THAN YOU CAN HANOLE.

FWAM!
WMP WMP WMP WMP WMP
I TOLD YOU TO BE GOOD...
KEE
EEE

ZAUSH
DARN...
I WANTED TO GO EASY ON YOU...

UFF
HFF
UFF
IS SHE HERE ?
MITSU!
AHHH!

I'M SORRY, BUT I CAN'T LET AYEKA SEE YOU THIS WAY...
ZEEEN
UHH...
TH... THAT BELL! IT'S...
SKISH
MITSU!
AYEKA !?
ZISH
NO!
ZISH
WHAT IS GOING ON HERE?
WHAT ARE YOU DOING TO MITSU!?
GRAAH!
GR
RR
KEEE
STOP!
DON'T COME OVER HERE!
!

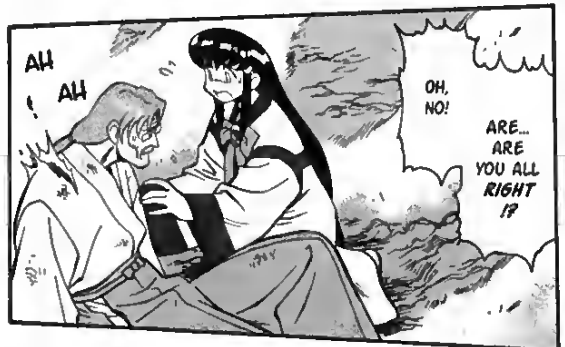
BOOM

WHAT ARE YOU--
STOP!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING TO THE POOR THING!?
AYEKA!?
NO! DON'T COME OVER HERE!
SK
RAA
D...
DON'T!

Chapter 4:
Many Tears
SKRA
BAM
!
WAM
WAM

JRNG...
UNH...
NO! ARE YOU--
ELDER BROTHER! OH, NO!
KOOH...
K... KUH... KILL...
KYAHH

OW, OW, OW!


AH AH!
OH, NO!
ARE... ARE YOU ALL RIGHT!?

PHEW! I...I'M OKAY.
GLAD I HAD THE LIGHT HAWK WING.

OH, YES!
KOFF
I'M TOO OLD FOR THIS...
A...
...A... YEKA...?

KOOH...
MITSU ?
SHAAA
TMP
.....
!
KYAA!!

THEY MAY SAY I'M A GENIUS, BUT...
...I WAS STILL TOO LATE.
WASHU, THAT VOICE JUST NOW...
DIO MITSU COME BACK?
....
I DION'T WANT YOU TO FIND OUT...
...AT LEAST, NOT THIS WAY. I'M SORRY, AYEKA.
!!
YOU SEE, WHEN THE EXTREMISTS CAPTURED MITSU THEY...WELL, THEY DID SOME KIND OF...EXPERIMENT

SHAA
.....
AYEKA...
ZWAM

SHO
OM
I...I HAVE TO TAKE CARE OF THIS.
I'LL GO... AND STOP MITSU...

MROW
RYO-OH-KI...
...GO AND HELP, OKAY?
MREW?
!
YOUR SENSORS SHOULD ALLOW YOU TO TRACK MITSU.
HOW DO I...
HOW DO I EVER THANK YOU, WASHU? THIS IS ALL MY... MY...
IT'S OKAY

M
RREEOOM

I...
I'M...
...SO...
HUNGRY...
SKA
SHT
S...
SOME...
THING...
...IS...
COMING...

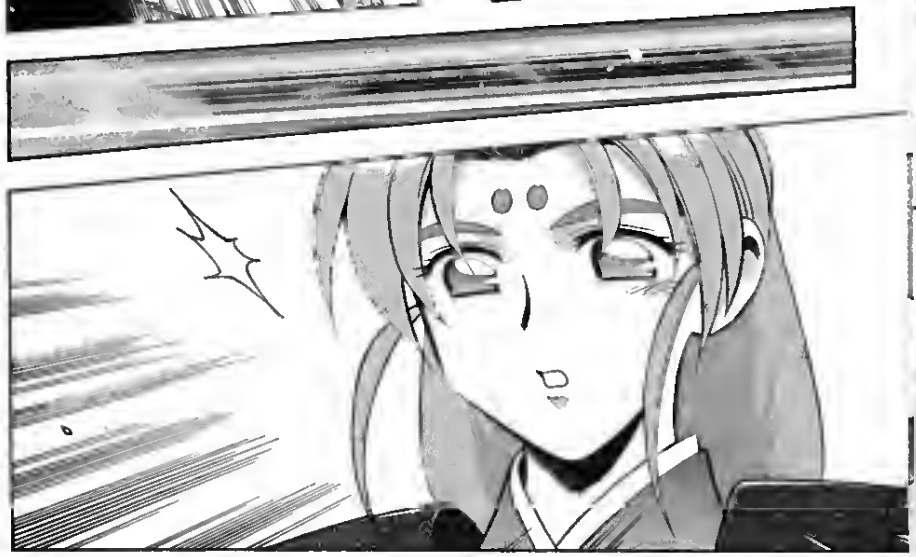
WSSH
SHAA
AAAA
I'm sorry, but our life forces are at odds.
We are beings meant to run counter to each other. I cannot allow you to go on.
THE... THE ROYAL TREE!

ZAOOO

WOOOM
ZASH
ZASH
ZASH

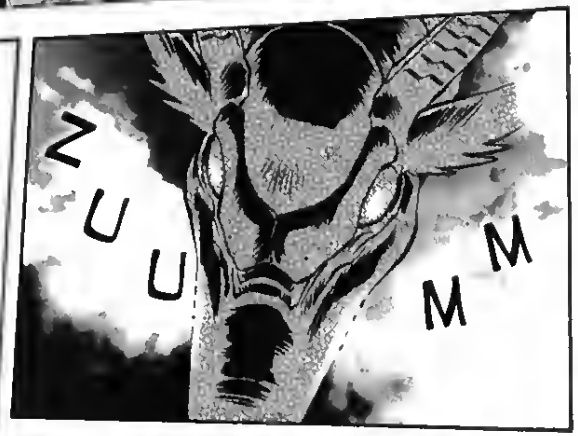
BOOM
WOOM
ZSH
TSH

I...
I'M...
...SO...
HUNGRY...
FEED!
MUST
HAVE
FOOD!
MUST
EAT!
VSH
WS



It can absorb energy from the Light Hawk Wing!
ZUUMM

SKREEEEEE


ZUUMM

ZMSH

IT HAS MOVED ON...
...TO A NEW STAGE...
...BUT DOES IT STILL POSSESS ITS OLD SELF?

I SEE.
YOU WANT TO KNOW IF I...
...CAN RETURN MITSU TO HER PRIOR FORM?
.....

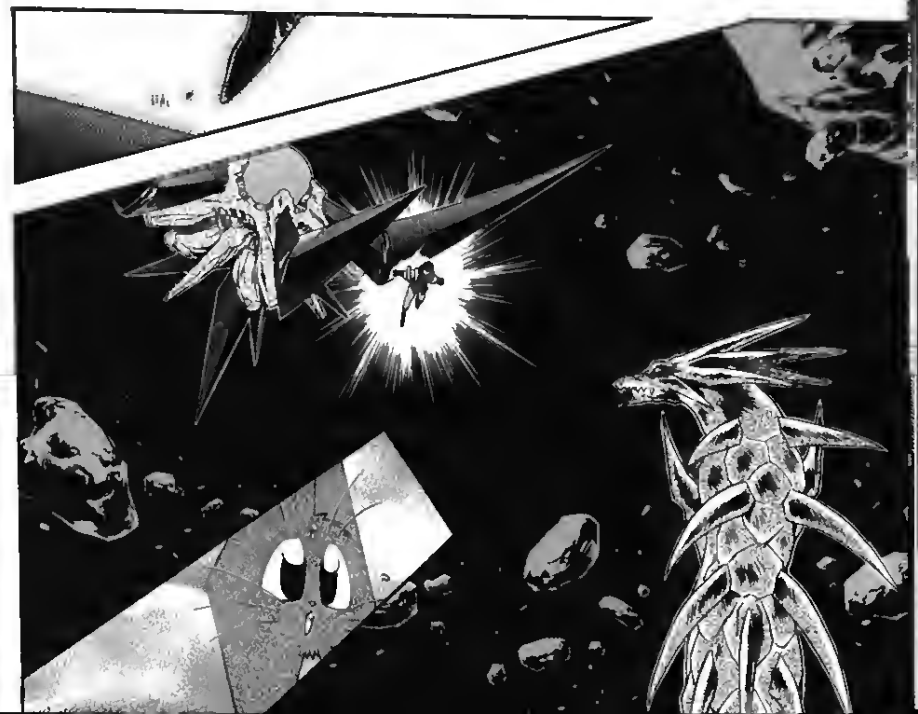
WHAT?

KRIK
KREK
GRRR
!?
WRRF
!?
WITH THE POWER OF THE LIGHT HAWK WING...
...SHE TOOK OH HER FINAL FORM!
ROOOO
JUST WHEN SHE'D BEGUN TO REGAIN HER SENSE OF SELF!
AND NOW.. ALL IS LOST. WE CAN'T...
...EVER BRING HER BACK NOW... NOT EVEN WITH YOUR POWER.
REEEE
ISH
Sad as it may be...
...I can't allow you to eat that. It is my duty...
...to serve Jurai at all costs.
!!
JEEEEN
WAIT!

PLEASE, TSUNAMI! LEAVE THIS SITUATION... IN MY HANDS.
!
YES! YES, I KNOW!
But then you, Princess Ayeka, must...
BUT IF I LET YOU...
...LET YOU JUST KILL THE POOR LITTLE THING BEHIND MY BACK, THEN...
...WHAT KIND OF PERSON DOES THAT MAKE ME?
YES, I HAVE COME.
Ryo-oh-ki! And...
FSSHT
MREOW

I CAN'T JUST COVER MY EYES AND PRETEND...
I CAN'T FORCE OTHERS TO TAKE ON WHAT I'D RATHER NOT FACE!
I...I HAVE TO...
...I HAVE TO DO THIS--FOR MYSELF! I DON'T WANT TO... BUT I *MUST!*

As you wish.
TH... THANK YOU. VERY MUCH...

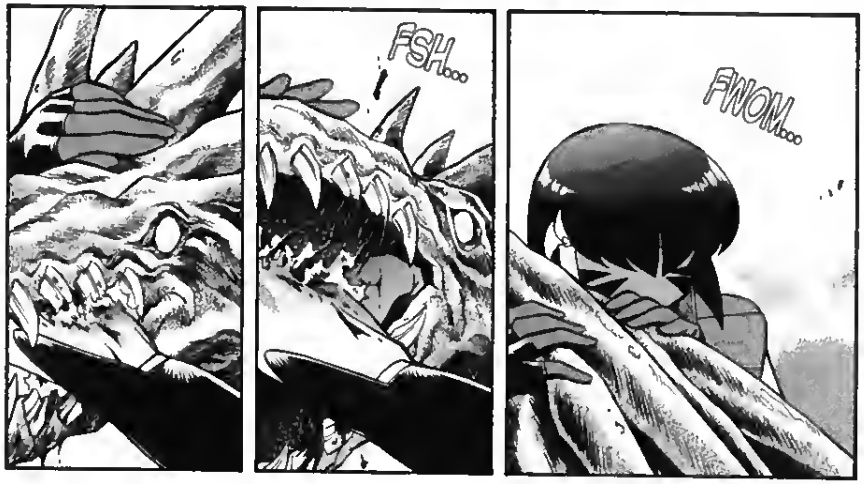


MITSU...
GRR
RRR
R
MROW!
SKA
NO AYEKA! BACK OFF! FAST!
THAT'S NOT THE MITSU YOU ONCE KNEW!
GRO
WL
VWSH

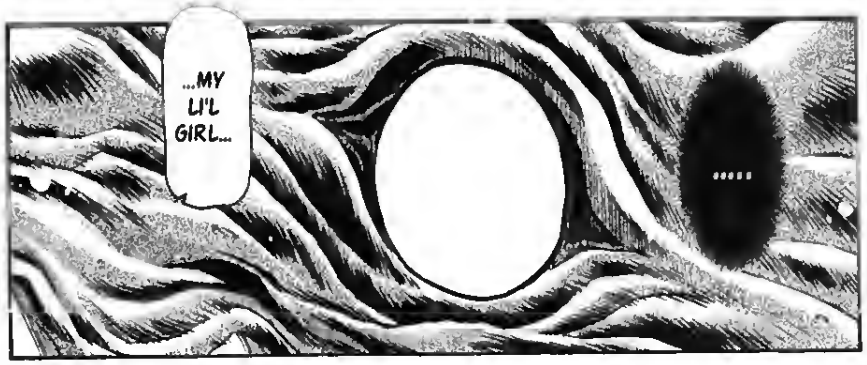
TAK
KRAK
KRSH
ZSH
KRK

MI...
MITSU...

A...
...AYE...
KA...?


FSH...
FWOM...

IT'LL BE OKAY NOW.
IT'S NOT YOUR FAULT AT ALL, MITSU. I'M SORRY.
I...I'M SORRY, MITSU...


...MY LI'L GIRL...
.....

DON'T...
DON'T CRY, AYEKA...
THANK YOU.

MITSU...

MISC
I CAME TO SEE YOU.
ARE YOU OKAY?
UNDER MINAHO IS A NICE SPOT FOR A GRAVE...

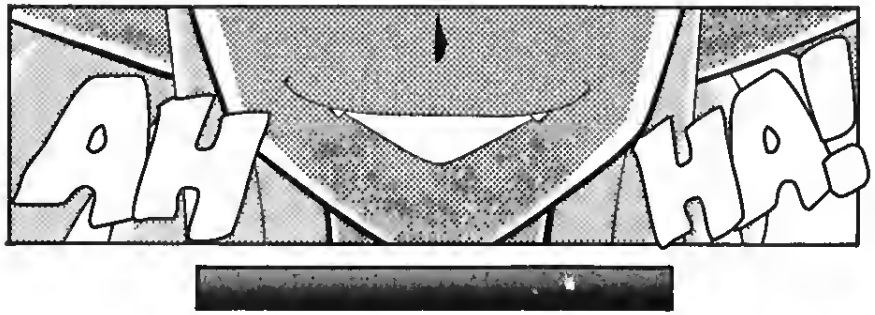
YES. SHE SAID...
...THAT IT WAS ALL RIGHT.
I...I SAW IT ALL.
I WAS LOOKING THROUGH TSUNAMI'S EYES.
I WISH I...
...COULD HAVE DONE MORE FOR YOU.
BUT, BIG SISTER...
...I WAS WITH YOU ...IN MY HEART...

YOU CAN CRY NOW...
...BUT YOU MUST KNOW THAT, EVEN IN THE END...

Chapter 5: Uproar

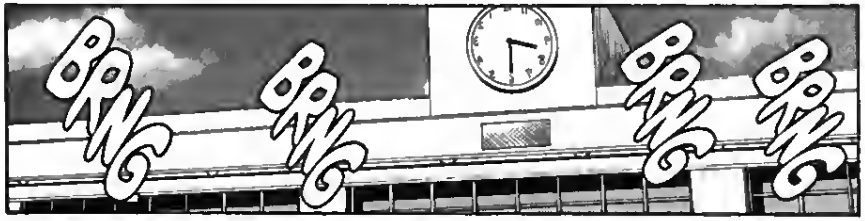
ACT 1: A TRADITIONAL SCENE

WELL, THIS IS A RARE SIGHT. IS IT A BLUE MOON OR WHAT?
I'D BETTER MAKE BREAKFAST FOR YOU, RYOKO. LET ME SEE...
FIP FIP
TOAST WILL BE FINE FOR ME.



OKAY! I'M OFF!
FSSSH
BE CARE-FUL...?
TMP
TMP
TMP
TMP
TMP
OOO! I'M GONNA BE LATE...
NOW I'VE SEEN THAT GOLDEN FLOWER PATTERN WITH MY OWN EYES...JUST LIKE IN THE COMICS!
ONLY HAD TO SET THE CLOCK BACK TO OO IT!
HOW DARE YOU PULL SUCH A TRICK?

ACT 2: MAMAMIYA A-GO-GO

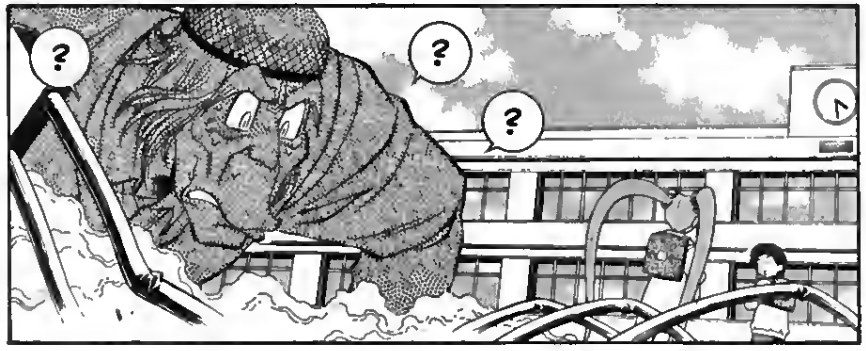


AH!
....
AH!
THE NICK OF TIME!
SURE WAS A LUCKY BREAK FOR ME!

A-ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
IS THAT BLOOD ON YOUR FACE?
PLSH

!!!
HUH? AND NOW IT'S...

F
WIP!
HEY THERE, SASAMI! GOOD MORNING!
UM, HI...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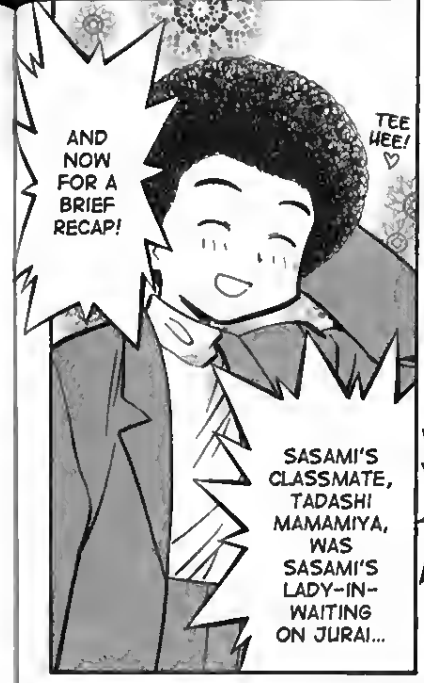

AND NOW FOR A BRIEF RECAP!
TEE HEE!
SASAMI'S CLASSMATE, TADASHI MAMAMIYA, WAS SASAMI'S LADY-IN-WAITING ON JURAI...

BEFORE
MY REAL NAME IS MAMADA.
...BUT WAS SECRETLY ASSIGNED TO PROTECT SASAMI AS HER BODYGUARD.
WHAT A JOB!

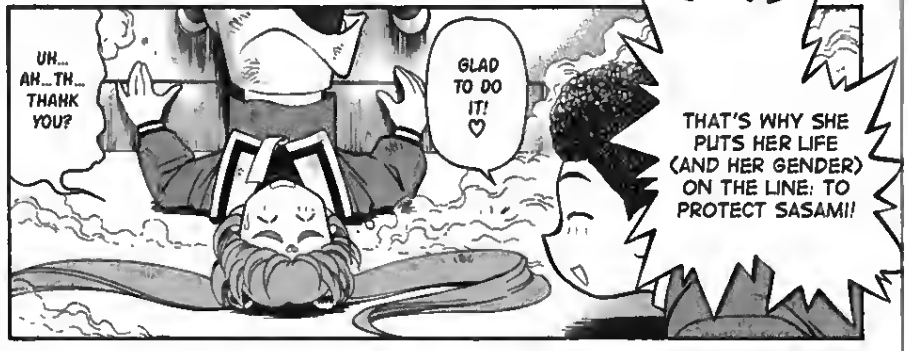
HERE'S ONE CASE STUDY!
SO, MS. MASAKI ANSWER PROBLEM TWO FOR US!
UH... UMM... AHH...
FWSH

...UMM, WELL... AH...
?
15/22 IS THE ANSWER!
AFTER MATH CLASS IS OVER, THE LUNCH BELL RINGS...
7/8 9/11

...AND IT'S TIME TO MAKE SURE SHE HAS A GOOD DIET!
WOW. ♡
WHAT A GYP!
GOT A CRUSH ON HER, HUH?
TEE HEE

OF COURSE, MAMAMIYA MUST ALSO ENSURE SASAMI'S SAFETY AT ALL COSTS!
BYE! SEE YA!
TINKA

TIK
OW!
FOOP
SASAMI, WATCH OUT!


UH... AH...TH... THANK YOU?
GLAD TO DO IT! ♡
THAT'S WHY SHE PUTS HER LIFE (AND HER GENDER) ON THE LINE: TO PROTECT SASAMI!

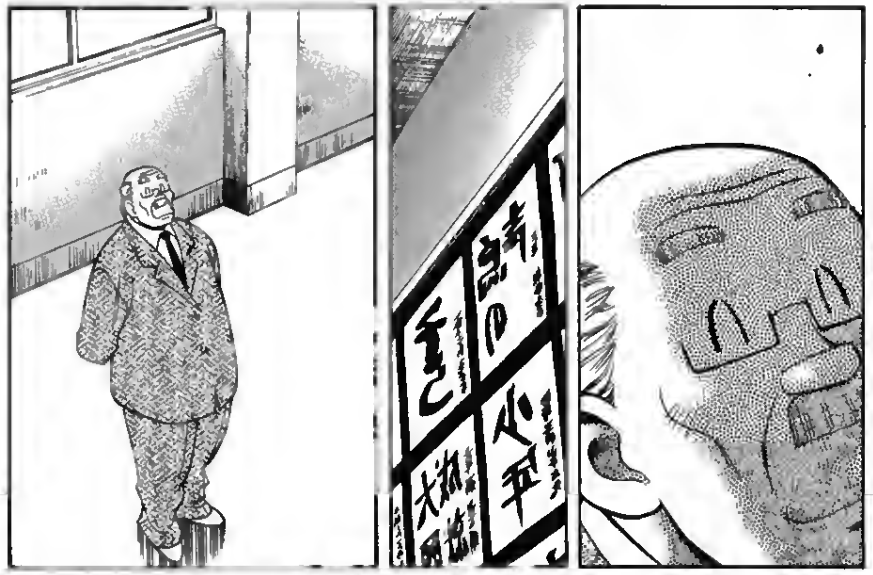
EVEN WHEN A MOTORCYCLE GANG TRIES TO DISRUPT SCHOOL...
VROOOOM
HEY, HEY, HEY, HEY!

SHE'S ON THE JOB!
RUN!
EEP!
MOOO!
COW ON A RAMPAGE?
RUN!
YEEK!
YOU BET!
RUN!
RUN!
RUN!
RUN!
BAM
BAM
OW
NO TASK IS EVER TOO MUCH...

MAMA-MIYA!
I'M... I'M ALL RIGHT...
I'M GLAD TO HEAR IT! ♡
ALWAYS HERE...TO PROTECT... AND TO SERVE!

WOW... THAT SURE LOOKS GOOD! ♡
YOU'VE ALREADY SURPASSED WHAT THEY TEACH IN COOKING CLASS, SASAMI!
DO YOU REALLY COOK LIKE THIS EVERY NIGHT?
FSSH

ACT 3: WHO'S PAYING FOR THE INGREDIENTS...?



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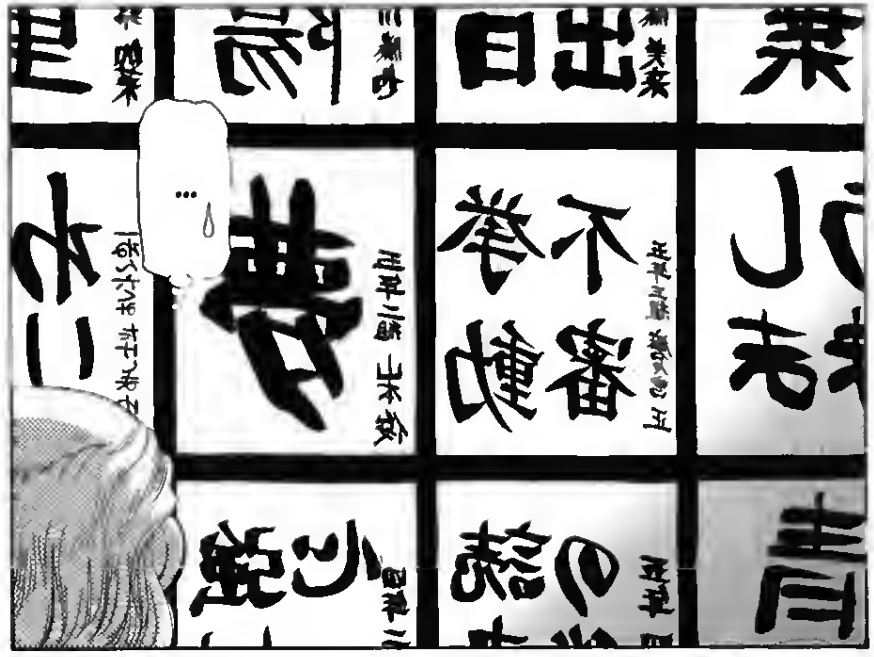
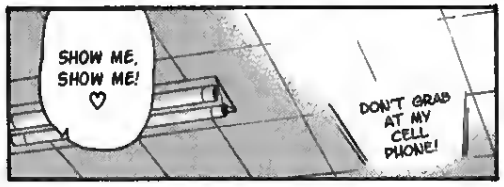
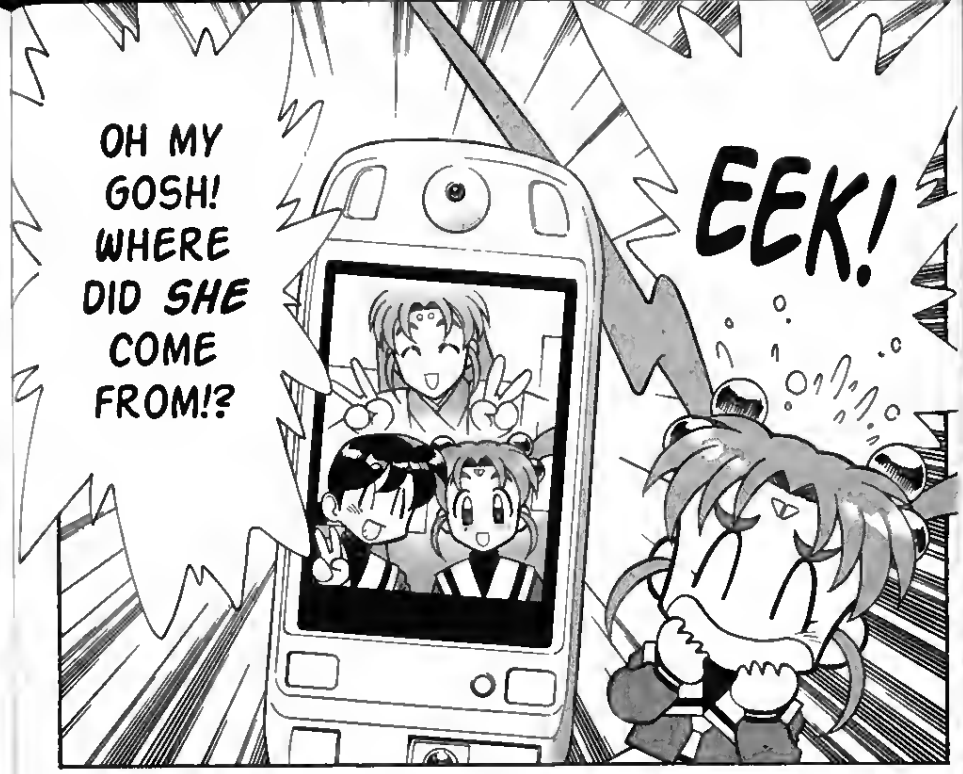
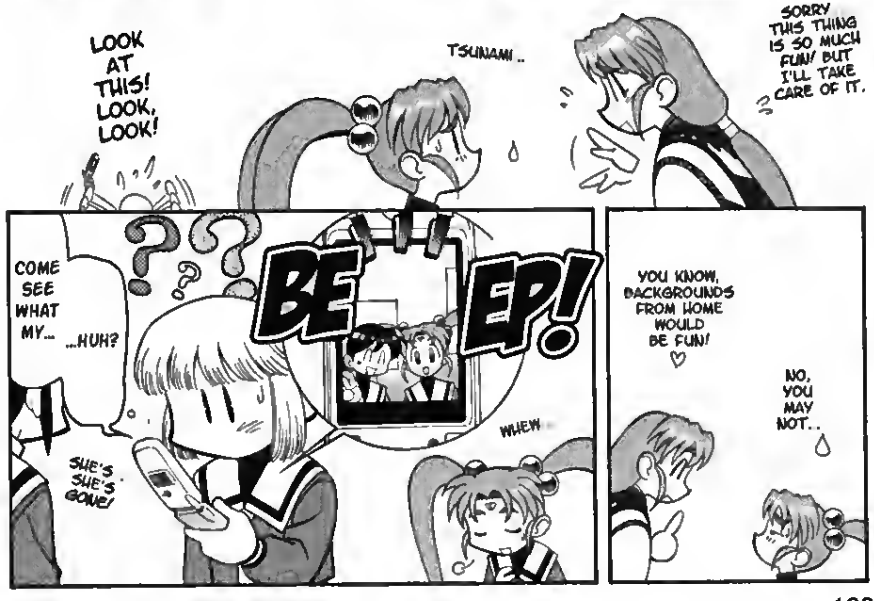


ACT 5: THE IMPISHNESS OF A GODDESS





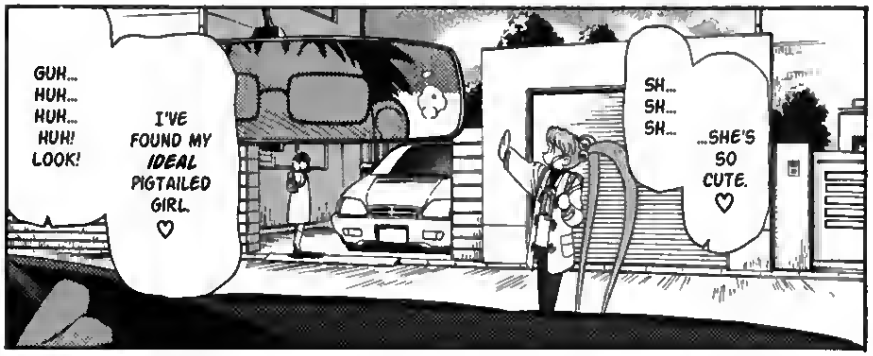

LOOK AT THIS! LOOK, LOOK!
TSUNAMI..
SORRY THIS THING IS SO MUCH FUN! BUT I'LL TAKE CARE OF IT.
COME SEE WHAT MY... ...HUH?
BE EP!
SHE'S SHE'S GONE!
WHEW
YOU KNOW, BACKGROUNDS FROM HOME WOULD BE FUN!
NO, YOU MAY NOT..

HUN?
WHO IS THAT?
HA, HA, HA
OH, MY!
TEEHEE
ACT 6: ROAD TO SELF-DESTRUCTION
OH.
IT'S TAKASE, HEART-THROB OF THE SIXTH GRADE. ♡
YOU MEAN YOU DON'T KNOW HIM?
HE'S A SPORTS STAR, HE'S AT THE TOP OF HIS CLASS, AND HIS FATHER IS A COMPANY PRESIDENT. ♡
HI, YOU!
WINK

HUH? ME?
YES! YES, YOU!
I HAVE SOME TIME FREE NEXT SUNDAY. WHY DON'T WE GO SOMEWHERE, JUST THE TWO OF US?
HUH?
UH... THANK YOU, BUT I DON'T THINK SO...
UH... WHAT DID YOU SAY?
I'M SORRY, BUT I DON'T REALLY KNOW YOU...
...AND I'VE GOT PLANS TO HELP TENCHI IN THE FIELDS.
...!
AAAH!
ARE YOU SAYING YOU'RE TURNING DOWN AN INVITATION?
AN INVITATION FROM ME!?
WHEW...
YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE SHY.
YOU MAY NEVER HAVE THIS CHANCE AGAIN.
HEHEHEH
FORGET THAT LITTLE SQUIRT!
GO ON A DATE WITH ME!
SASAMI!

YOU LEFT THIS AT HOME.
YOU CAME ALL THIS WAY?
WHY IS SHE SMILING AT HIM? THIS NOBODY?
SOME KIND OF BROTHER COMPLEX, I'LL BET!
HOW DID HE TWIST HER UP THIS WAY?
HEY! HOW MUCH DO YOU MAKE?
HOW MUCH DO I...?
UH... ZERO, I GUESS...
I WIN!
SO YOU DON'T EARN A DIME, HUH? JUST SO YOU KNOW, MY FATHER OWNS SEVEN COMPANIES.
HEH!
OOOOOH!
DID HE ...?
DROP THE LOSER AND LET'S GO, MS. MISAKI.
!
TENCHI IS NOT A LOSER! AND WHAT'S MORE, HE'S A VERY KIND PERSON!
WHAT?

KIND!? HMPH! THAT'S NOT WHAT COUNTS!
GAH
AH!
YOU CAN TELL A REAL MAN BY HIS LOOKS AND HIS WALLET!
.....
FMPSH
DID HE JUST SAY...?
YEP HE SURE DID
GEEZ. HE'S AWFUL. HOW SAD
LET'S GO
UH, OKAY



ACT 7: THAT'S DANGEROUS...

SLAMSH
!
AN ACCIDENT ?
VSSSH
FOOM
Y... Y... YIKE !
GOSH! WHAT IS THIS?
OH, NO! I'M LATE!
WEOO
WEOO
WEOO
I'VE GOT TO GET HOME AND MAKE DINNER!
KLANG KLANG KLANG

WHEW!
THANKS TO THE PERV SENSOR WASHU GAVE ME, I WAS ABLE TO PREVENT A CRIME OF NATIONAL IMPORT!
BOOP BOOP
HUH?
IT'S GOING OFF AGAIN!
CHAK
HUH !?
PERV IN RANGE. DEVIANT LEVEL 3.
BOOP
EXTREME PERV IN RANGE DEVIANT LEVEL 2!
BOOP
BOOP
BOOP
BOOP
PERV IN RANGE. DEVIANT LEVEL 2.

ARE YOU ENJOYING SCHOOL, SASAMI?

AH, AS EXPECTED...

Special 10th Anniversary Project

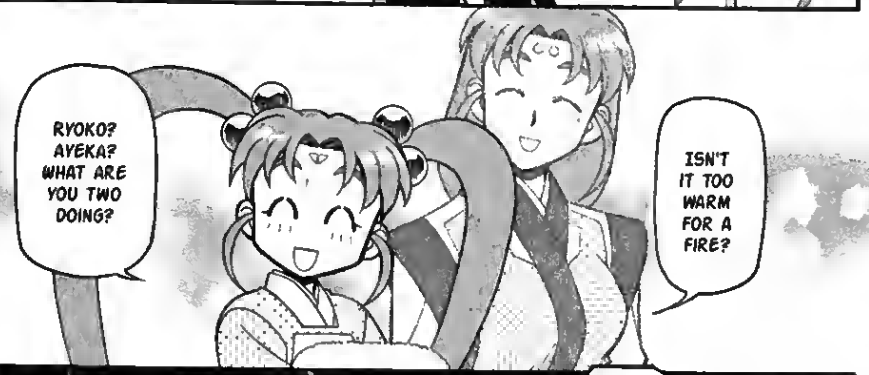
HEY, RYOKO. WHAT ARE YOU READING?
A BOOK CALLED "DRAGON AGE" THAT WASHU BROUGHT FROM MIRAL SHE SAID IT WAS...
...."TENCHI MUYO" A HUNDRED YEARS FROM NOW!
ONE HUNDRED YEARS TO COME
OUTTA THE WAY!
AGE

OUR APOLOGIES...

I'M SURE STROHG IH THE FUTURE! ♡
RYOKO, STOP THAT!
N-NOT AGAIN!
2ND GEN RYU-OH GOES DOWN!
7TH SETO OHASHI BRIDGE GONE!
THAT'S WHAT YOU GET!
..... NO HEAOWAY FROM HER, HUH?
WHY IS TENCHI ORESSEO LIKE A SHINTO PRIEST?
WHY AM I THE ONE WHO...
...ALWAYS HAS TO COVER UP YOUR MESSES?
FMP
DING DONG
UM, LET ME SEE...
AGE
ELDER BROTHER AHO AIRI WEHT ON AN AROUNO-THE-STARS TRIP OF THE MILKY WAY...
...AHO TEHCHI TOOK OVER AS CARETAKER OF THE MASAKI SHRINE.
HUH?
WHY'S TEHCHI DRESSEO LIKE AH OLD MAN?
IDIOT.
IT'S OHE HUNDREO YEARS FROM NOW! OF COURSE HE'S GOIHG TO LOOK OIFFERENT.
HI! IS THIS...
...THE MASAKI RESI-DENCE?
YES, BUT WHY...
Yosco Ozaki Reporter
HMM! IT'S TRUE THAT I HAVE AH AHCESTOR BY THE NAME OF "TEHCHI"...
SEE, ABOUT ONE HUNORED YEARS AGO, MY FAMILY KHEW A "TENCHI MASAKI"...
I EVEN LOOK A LOT LIKE HIM!
THEH HOW COME YOU LOOK THE SAME!?
THIS MAY BE PURE SPECULATION... BUT AREH'T YOU THE SAME TENCHI?
SPLOOOH
THE WAY I LOOK NOW IS PERFECT. TOO BAO!
TEE HEE!
HMPH. WHAT A JERK!
GET OUT OF HERE!
PERFECT ...WITH THAT CHEST?
NO WAY
JINGI
IS... IS THIS SOME KIND OF JOKE?
HA! THAT SURE GOT A RISE OUT OF HIM!
DID I HIT THE NAIL ON THE HEAD?
CAT

SO IT'S NOT A DISGUISE. HE CAN TRANS-FORM!
SHH
WHEW. WHAT A SHOCK. NEVER THOUGHT ANYONE WOULD GO AND DIG UP THE PAST...
WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO? KILL HIM?
YOU KNOW BETTER THAN THAT!
AH HA! ♡
I SAW THAT. I DID...
HA! I'M ON TO SOMETHING BIG HERE.
MY, MY... ...HE CAN SURE TAKE CARE OF HIMSELF!
I'LL SELL THIS STORY TO ALL THE MASS MEDIA!
YOU'VE GOT TO BE CAREFUL, TENCHI.
YES... I SEE.
THAT SIR TENKATSUHITO WAS VERY WISE, WASN'T HE? NEVER RAISED ANY SUSPICIONS IN SEVEN CENTURIES!
IF YOU'VE DECIDED TO LIVE ON THIS PLANET, YOU'VE GOT TO KEEP A LOWER PROFILE!
WASHU
AFTER ALL THAT TIME, WASHU HASN'T CHANGED IN THE LEAST.
JUST BE GLAD SHE'S NOT IN HER "ADULT" PERSONA SHEESH!
LET IT ALL HANG OUT! ♡

HOME...♪
MYO! ♡
HERE YOU ARE!
HUH? BUT ISN'T SASAMI WITH YOU?
ON HER WAY NOW!
LOOKS LIKE RYO-OH-KI GREW UP A BIT.
TENCHI!
AH, HERE SHE IS!
AND SASAMI WILL BE COMING OUT, TOO...
HUH?
VA VA
VA VA
VA VA
I'M BACK, TENCHI. HOME AT LAST... ♡
GYAAH!
GRRR



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In Praise of Washu

Allow me, if you would be so kind, to say a few words in praise of Washu. Look at her there on the cover, the very picture of the mad scientist extraordinaire. And, make no bones about it, Washu is indubitably mad. Anyone who's older than human history but chooses to go around being twelve years old forever has got her head in a very strange place.

Given her brilliance, life must sometimes be lonely for Washu. Her friends down at the shrine are, let's face it, not the brightest celestial bodies in the cosmos. However, Washu is smart enough to value friendship above intelligence. She doesn't mind that Ryoko would rather blow up planets than talk about subatomic physics, that Ayeka's mind is firmly fixated on herself, that Tenchi is more entertaining as a lab rat than anything else. Well, maybe she minds a little. But she loves them anyway.

Finally, Washu's healthy self-confidence is admirably true to the spirit of mad science. You can't be a mad genius if you're not willing to stand up and declare yourself the number-one genius scientist in the galaxy, and it helps if you can look cute doing it. Washu carries her brains in style. Mad, they may call her. Mad! But classy.

There's only one Washu, but the Editor's Recommendations in this volume are selected with her mad-science spirit in mind. Enjoy!

Shaenon K. Garrity
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Like Tenchi? Love Tenchi?

If so, here are some other books the editor thinks you'll enjoy:

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Case Closed

Like Washu, Jimmy Kudo is an adult in a kid's body. Unlike Washu, he's not there by choice. Jimmy was a teenage detective until an accident transformed him into an elementary-schooler. Now, taking the name Conan Edogawa (after his two favorite mystery writers, Arthur Conan Doyle and Edogawa Rampo), he attends grade school, searches for a cure for his bizarre condition, and solves one gruesome mystery after another. He may not be the number-one genius in the galaxy, but bold, brainy Conan definitely gives his hero, Sherlock Holmes, a run for his money.

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Gundam: The Origin

Giant robots fighting stuff. Is there any sweeter way to celebrate the wonders of Science? Of course not. This retelling of the classic Gundam mythos explains how it all began. the mecha, the space battles, the rebellion against Earth. Young Amuro Ray straps himself into the cockpit of a robotic "mobile suit" in a gung-ho effort to restore peace to Earth and its orbiting colonies, not realizing that he's destined to change the course of history and inspire one of Japan's most enduring pop-culture phenomena. This snazzy edition includes all of the color pages that appeared in the original Japanese version. Nice.

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The Big O

Ever since a mysterious bout of amnesia struck the entire population of Paradigm City, life has been confusing. For one thing, no one knows how to work the giant robots and other hulks of complex machinery scattered throughout town. Happily, wealthy playboy Roger Smith has figured out how to activate an enormous robot called the Big O, which lends a few tons of weight to Smith's arguments as a professional negotiator. The clunky, retro style of Paradigm City's mysterious technology lends *The Big O* a refreshing dash of mad-inventor. Also, it's my friend Rob's favorite Viz manga, and if you don't read it he'll be sad.

Random Acts of Kindness

Kick The Kitty &